were injured.

travelling from Bagian Bay, with WCTC's record already panies owned by WCTC, in nies will be running by the fractured axle in a wagon of Rail link profit, page 4

set against the record of the American-based company, tation Corporation, or WCTC since it bought British Rail's freight service two weeks ago. The coincidence of the accident so soon after the Stafford

States and New Zealand.

were injured.

Three carriages of a train dards under privatisation, in the North-east and is one of three privatised freight com-

sisted there had been no risk of polysterene leaking from have so far been sold off. which became derailed and the derailed train. "There was no danger," a spokesman Trains and South West Royal Mail locomotive. These are Great Western Trains and South West Trains, which are now operated by the bus company,

cerns that the accident occurred close to a river, which could have suffered environmental damage if any of the liquid cargo had been

discharged.
The Government faced new allegations, at the weekend that the pace of its rail priva-

tisation programme was threatening safety. The claims came after confirmation that the Government is accelerating its privatisation plans in a leaked document from Roger

director. in the North-east and is one of all but four of the 25 private passenger operating compa-

News of the second derailwreckage of two trains in the remain in hospital for six Stafford crash late on Friday weeks with a fractured pelvis, night. It is understood that in broken leg and lacerations to vestigators have identified his hands and face.

ment came as accident investigators sifted through the from Crewe, is likely to the cause of the crash as a

Labour's transport spokes-

By last night most of the wagons and debris had been cleared away, although the Royal Mail engine remained woman, Clare Short, said: embedded in an embankment "The Government is taking as emergency workers strug-

risks with our transport sys- | gled to dislodge it. tem and making contracts to Staffordshire police named sell the railways regardless of the man who died in the crash the cost to the taxpayer and as John Thomson, aged 57, travelling public. Tory policy is being driven by the reckless obsession to sell off the called John, was with him on network as quickly as the mail train when the acci-

dent happened. The driver of that train, Graham Massey, aged 50.



Nhy do we so love our hounds?



Dirty tricks from the Tory press

Butcher of the Drina bridge

Ed Vulliamy in Sarajevo identifies the leader of a gang of Serbian killers who turned a Bosnian river into blood

ument — the Drina bridge at Visegrad made famous by a Nobel Prize-winning novel was turned into a slaughterhouse by a mass murderer who is identified by the Guardian today. Unknown to the outside

Britain's new civil war

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IS CALALIER

OSNIA'S most Hague, Milan Lukic was the celebrated mon-ument — the killers who unleashed an orgy of violence against Muslims in Visegrad during the first months of the war, in the spring and summer of 1992. His victims numbered hundreds if not thousands, most of them stabbed and mutilated on the gracious Otto-man bridge, and fired on after world, and unindicted by the war crimes tribunal in The being hurled into the river.

The Bridge On The Drina is the title of a literary masterpiece by Bosnia's greatest author, Ivo Andric, in which

the glorious structure is cast as a backdrop and silent witness to Bosnia's history. Visegrad was also the site for a hitherto unknown Serbian concentration camp for Muslims. Captives were held in two giant hangars at the Uzamnica military barracks,

from which busloads of men were taken towards Serbia and never seen again. Some are believed to be working as slaves in a Serbian mine. Details of the slaughter of Muslims in the Drina valley, which runs through eastern

Muslim Gorazde secretly tes tified to Milan Lukic's blood-lust. The prisoner was released in an exchange and now cannot be found. But the Guardian has reconstructed the full story of the carnage in Visegrad, and of Lukic's part in it, finding witnesses across
Bosnia and Europe.
They describe how he
would drive his stolen red

bian soldier held prisoner in

Volkswagon Passat ahead of a convoy of other cars and trucks on to the bridge each evening, when the killing would begin.

A witness who lived just above the bridge, Fehida D, said: "We saw them by day or

Muslims were killed or ousted | hidden for the war's duration. | they were killing men, women from the mountain town. | But in August 1994, a Ser | or children. It took half an gang held up convoys of buses | and orchards. The Guardian has also

> work it was to haul the corpses out of the water down river from Visegrad. They confirm that infants were among the dead. "We dug the graves and buried 180 people," Jasmin R said. "Some I knew personally,

they had been my neighbours." The Bosnian government calculates that about one in 20 bodies was probably salvaged.
There were other massacre
methods. Witnesses testify how Lukic would lock men. women and children inside

On two occasions, he and his

transporting Muslims out of Visegrad, took out the men and executed them.

One witness, Hasena M, watched her mother and sister murdered on the bridge, but escaped with her two daughters before being imprisoned in Uzamnica, a new name to add to the list of con-

centration camps in Bosnia.

The camp was established in two hangars at the local barracks complex, after the Uzici corps of the Yugoslav army, which had armed and sanctioned the carnage, had left Visegrad. Women and children were kept in one hangar, men in the other. Uzamnica was a forced labour camp, with captives working

Beatings and torture were common, mainly in the male hangar from which, Hasena M said, prisoners could hear screams every night. There was occasional rape in the women's quarters.

Lukic was a regular visitor.

joining in the beatings at will. He vowed that "women pristhe men".

At irregular intervals, male inmates would be bussed away, never to be seen again. they were driven in the direc-Bosnian government officials believe some are being kept as slave workers in a mining complex called Aleksinac,

bian names to foil Red Cross

nvestigations. Lukic is now believed to be back in Obrenovac, Serbia, where he worked as a café manager. Inquiries after him at the Viski Bar are met with a stony glare charged with menace, and not sensibly challenged.

But there has been one ominous sighting. A Muslim soldier from Zepa, present at the fall of the enclave in 1995, said he saw Lukic patrolling the columns of men as they lined up to surrender. Lukic was shouting: "Anyone from Vise grad step out of the line! Any

went as far as to claim that his policy of automatic life

sentences for repeat rapists and attempted murderers

would spare 40 to 50 victims a

year of recently released vio-

violent offenders who reof-

fended had done so in only 10 per cent of cases. "So 90 per of

second serious violent or sexual offence are released at

present, even if everybody knows they are likely to go

out and commit a third rape

or a third serious wounding

During an interview on BBC TV's Frost on Sunday.

or a third robbery.

Judges with the option to

THE Williams-Renault driver, Damon Hill (left) consoles his new teammate Jacques Villeneuve after riding his luck to victory in yesterday's Australian Grand Prix as the For-mula One season got off to a dramatic start in

Only an oil leak prevented Villeneuve, the maiden grand prix, after he led most of the way, while the Englishman Martin Brundle walked

away from a car which was in two pieces after a

spectacular crash on the race's first lap.

"I am sure you could argue Jacques was the "I am sure you could argue Jacques was the moral winner," admitted Hill after equalling his late father, Graham's, total of 14 wins. "But he knows motor racing. This happens. Jacques decided after getting a message from the pits that the oil pressure was going and he might not finish the race. But people paid to come here and see a motor race and they got one."

The Williams duo delighted the 154,000 Albert Real with a thrilling hettile, but only

bert Park crowd with a thrilling battle, but only after Hill had benefited from a restart caused by Brundle's accident, having slipped from second

to fourth on the opening lap.
"I made a complete pig's ear of the start," said
Hill. Having maintained his position on the
restart, the Dublin-based driver still had to be content with the occasional strike at Villenenve's lead. Villeneuve settled for second with Eddie Irvine a distant third in his first outing for Ferrari — having fended off every

Hill attack until advised to slow down.

Stagecoach.

Richard Williams page 12

Howard concedes sentence package will need more jails

started to take a vicious turn

Michael Howard's US-style sentencing package, the Home Secretary conceded

sury and the Home Office. "If we are to have mini-mum mandatory sentences

Penal experts have esti-mated that this proposal alone could add 6,500 inmates to the 53,000 in prison now.

The Prison Service is already taking emergency mea sures to cope with overcrowd

confirmed that an official estimate will be included in a white paper on sentencing to be published soon. Legisla-tion is promised for the autumn but it is clear that the

likely to fill the jails. The concessions to the senior plans to introduce "two judges or other critics and

strikes and you're out" life sentences for repeat rapists and to reduce remission from 50 to 15 per cent were un-likely to increase prison num-bers to a similar extent Mr Howard's admission

supported the claim last week by the Lord Chief Justice, on top of the six prisons already planned at a cost of £360 million — is being fiercely contested by the Trea-Lord Taylor, that the new sen- | tence on convicted rapists or tencing package would be no more than "a bonanza for prison architects". The constitutional clash between the Home Secretary and the senior judiciary

for persistent burglars and for traffickers in hard drugs over the weekend with Mr Howard's supporters in the press claiming that judges were "only lawyers in exthen we will need an increase in prison accommodation," Mr Howard said. tremely dodgy clothing" and that many had been brought

This would require 16 more prisons at a cost of £60 million

ing problems triggered by the Home Secretary's "prison works" policy.
Mr Howard refused to discuss the details yesterday but

cost need not be met until after the general election.

The Home Secretary confirmed that it was the proposal for minimum sentences for repeat burglars and drug

To advertise

up on the permissive notions of the 1960s and 1970s. the Home Secretary went on to dismiss the Lord Chief Jus-

Mr Howard himself was in no mood yesterday to make turn to page 3, column 4

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Second accident heightens fears on rail safety

Pace of sell-off 'forced through regardless of cost to the public'

Edward Pilkington and Keith Harper

EARS over the safety of a privatised railway network grew yesterday as details emerged of a further derailment of a freight train at the weekend, while ministers denied claims they were is the second incident to be taking risks by forcing the

A freight train carrying up | Wisconsin Central Transporto 1,200 tonnes of liquid polystyrene was derailed near Wakefield early on Saturday, just three hours after the fatal accident near Stafford in which one person died and 22

South Wales, to Stalybridge, near Manchester, became de-railed at 2am on Saturday as they were being manoeuvred through a marshalling yard. The carriages were put back

crash is likely to heighten

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under scrutiny in the United Loadhaul, which operates

Salmon, the rail franchising He has told ministers that

Sketch

Lib Dem leader in cyberspace



Michael White

VITH the evocative but imperfectly typed words "Yes, online and ready to go..." Paddy Ashdown made British political biotects and the second sec cal history last night when he became the first party leader in the nation's long history to debate with ordinary voters on the Internet. Well, as ordinary as voters

capable of mastering the intri-cacies of "accessing" this newspaper's Web site — http:/ /www.guardian.co.uk/ livewire — and net junkles enough to give up part of Sunday evening to quiz the Liberal Democrat leader on the

minutiae of party policy. They could have been watching Songs of Praise or You've Been Framed. For that matter so could Paddy. But, to the annoyance of rival party leaders, he has always prided himself on being ahead of the hi-tech curve, at least by Westmin-

ster's troglodyte standards. So cyber-anoraks and cyber-leader chose to engage in online debate. Mr Ashdown sat at home in his thatched Somerset cottage, while his interlocutors sat much further away than the average MP does during old-fashioned Question Time in the

Watching the exchanges print out across the screen at the Guardian's office was a made more so by the knowlbeing chaired by the irrepressible cyber-pundit, Vincent Hannah, seated in his low-tech shed at home in Kent Unreality made flesh!

Alas, the substance of the exchanges soared less closely towards the historic. Most questions were fam-

iliar, most answers even more so. Mr Ashdown apologised for his typing, but it added a pleasing edge of profundity – like reading an Internet ver-

sion of the late Stanley Unwin. Conservative MPs, who are dready marking down last night's Guardian Live Wire debate as another reason to hate Mr Ashdown, will not be surprised to learn that gays in the army and the Newbury by pass were the most popular topics among the 320 questions submitted. A touch parc chial for a global hook-up.

"Given your background where do you stand in respect of gays in the armed forces?" Lee Tomlinson asked the ex-Marine. "One of the best and bravest soldiers I have ever had the privilege to serve with

replied the ex-Marine.

The next questioner asked if Mr Ashdown was "planning to form an alliance with Tony Blair." In the old-fashioned steam-driven Commons there would have been a cruel homo phobic laugh from the Tory benches. Here, nothing but the gentle sound of Mr Ashdown saying No before realising he'd better give the bog-stan-dard "no deals" line.

Thanks to collaboration with Compuserve, there were 120 questions already tabled for answer. Guardian readers by his local Lib Dem MP and the decision to build the by-

pass. We are "by far the green-est party."

We are constantly told, by Ross Perot and other dodgy characters, that this is the way of the future, the "elec-tronic town meeting". Maybe But there is, as yet, no substi-tute for the speed of nuanced political information which voices can provide. There were some glorious misunderstandings When Mr Hannah, no

systems" Mr Ashdown asked if he meant information technology. Industrial tribunals, Vincent conceded cybersheepishly. When Paddy signed off the regulars took over. "Great", said Neil. "What a load of c**p," said James. Dave simply asked: real Paddy Ashdown?"

wrote to me 10 years ago tell-ing me he was gay. Some of the finest generals, admirals and soldiers we have had..."

joining in via the paper's Web site, added 100 more, plus 100 during the session. More than 1,000 people participated. What about Newbury? Mr Ashdown was asked. He stood

slouch at jargon gamesman-ship, referred to the cost of 'TI

Review

Two trumps for a busted Lush

Dave Simpson

Brighton Beach, Leeds

HE hardest thing in pop is to shake off an alba-tross, but Lush have done it twice. Until recently, the Camden foursome were indie rock's Zsa Zsa Gabor, famous

for being famous, because of

something nobody could quite remember. No music press gossip column was complete without their drunken antics, no party or guest list lacked their presence, usually the worse for wear. Their image spawned a vicious cycle. The more it was reported, the more the group — particularly front duo Miki Berenyi and Emma Anderson

— felt condemned to play the part. And the music? If anyone did remember, it was that Lush managed an uncommer-cial, "ethereal" sound about which nobody cared except a few loyal music journalists.

What a difference a hit makes. January's Single Girl illustrated that not only have Lush cleaned up their act, but they could also tidy up in the pop charts, with a punchy pop sound to match Britpop's finest. But behind the glitz, photo shoots and Top of the Pops appearances lies a story—as told in the lyrics of Single Girl Ladykillers — of these young ladies' painful public growing up and struggles for independence against a grim backdrop of put-downs, abuser stereotyping, one-sided relationships, and, in Berenyi's case.

sexual bullying.
That such situations form the basis of two hit singles

must be the source of some weet revenge, and Lush's forthcoming album, Lovelife, is already being talked of as among the year's best. The extent of Lush's reha-

gence, with the chunky riffs and New Wave Duane Eddy ness and Light confirmed what many had suspected; that Lush always were a pop group but lacked the self-con-fidence to emerge from the defensive shrouds of effects pedals and drink.

enyi nor Anderson feel the need to perform for anybody. In a shiny black dress, Berenyi certainly looked the pop star but instead radiated an cared as spiky-voiced Miki — red hair framed in equally

angry light to match the venous of her words — became the definitive defiant, post-trauma, post-modern girl with a scything, triumphant Lady-killers. The song is a withering put-down of those hideous, vain, manipulative men we all know, and as Lush left the stage to a chorus of cheers, few would deny them a celebra-

Lifeboat service still tops charity bequests with more than £38m

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

MORE money is left in wills to the lifeboat service than to any other charity, a survey showed yester-day. The Royal National Lifeboat Institution still attracts more legacy income

The survey, based on chari-

ties' latest accounts, shows the RNLI received £38.4 million from legacies in 1994. This represented 59 per cent of its income for the year, though the figure was down from £40 million in 1993.

The second and third biggest legacy beneficiaries are the Imperial Cancer Research Fund and the Cancer by the National Trust.

bilitation can be judged by their invitation to appear at the North's exclusive Britpop/ Mod club Brighton Beach. They unveiled the deceptively bright pop of their re-emertwangs of 500 and Hypocrite. But older songs such as Sweet

How that's changed, but equally nowadays neither Bersear out inseau rainated an eerie intensity, offset only by some sly humour between songs. "We're not very Mod, are we?" she chuckled at one point. They're not. But nobody could be sold as with a bid.

Lush play Newcastle tonight, Middlesbrough tomorrow, then on tour until the London Electric Ballroom on April 2

George Burns leaves fans laughing as final curtain falls

lan Katz in New York

problem of street lights.

AS FRIENDS and col-leagues competed to offer the most glowing tribute to the comic legend George Burns, millions of his fellow Americans yesterday

mourned his passing the way he would have wanted — in stitches of laughter. in bars and living rooms

from a cometary standpoint, and therefore the actual comet

gets spread out over a large area of the sky. This makes it

very difficult to see. The prob-lem with comets is that you

are not looking at a stellar

point source, you are looking at a diffuse source of light."

Hyakutake will be on the way to making the second

closest approach so far

recorded. It is expected to be

at its most visible after March 22, as it moves towards the

They recalled his 98th birthday party in Las Vegas, when he remarked: "It's nice be anywhere."

They chortled over his pain," said Mr Fein. be anywhere."

repeated insistence that he "booked", and his observa-tion that in the later years of his life he got "a standing celebrate his century in Januacross the country, three gen-erations of Burns fans He died at his Beverly Hills said: "What do you give a Obituery, page 10

with his manager, Irving Fein, his son Ronnie Burns, and his housekeeper at his side, less than two months to be here. At 98, it's nice to after celebrating his 100th

dust and rock that may be remnants of the early solar system. They live in strange

orbits and often appear

unexpectedly. Hyakutake's last visit is

thought to have been 15,000

years ago. As they accelerate towards and away from the

sun, the solar wind blows the

loosely packed material into the spectacular tail associated

But astronomers this week-end were being guarded.

end were being guarded. probes into the nucleus to see Recent visitors have been dis-

with comets.

Burns never fully recovcould not die because he was | ered from a 1994 fall. He can-

Another 100 years? A night with Sharon Stone?"
Almost till the end, he in-

sisted on drinking two Martinis and smoking up to 15 cigars a day. He was not afraid of dying, he said. "When you die, you're dead ... I don't think there's an audience where I'm going. But I think I'il take along my music just

Tories all but paralysed as financier sets tough terms for calling off Referendum Party election threat **Goldsmith turns the screw**

IR James Gold smith's terms for calling off his Refer endum Party': threat to Tory seats at the next general election are that John Major must promise to convene a Speaker's Conference to decide the exact question to be asked, and to stage the referendum on election day in 1997.

With the Conservative Party machine all but paralysed by Sir James's threat to intervene

the billionaire financier today makes it plain that a plebiscite on a single European currency alone, which Mr Major is poised to concede, will not satisfy his demands.

He has bought full page advertisements in four London papers, including the Guardian. But his exact terms, being privately conveyed to Downing Street by friendly Tories, have not previously emerged. They are certain to be unacceptable. back-

against anti-referendum candi- since Sir James wrote to gruntled ex-minister said last dates in the coming campaign, every MP last month, were night.

sent another holding letter by Danny Finkelstein, head of the Conservative Research Department, just before Mr Major signalled on Thursday that the Cabinet will make up its mind on the referendum in weeks rather than months. Mr Finkelstein's letter,

"The party machine put us on notice in February to expect a letter telling us the party line. It didn't materialwaiting for quarrelling ministers to agree the party line since Sir James wrote to every MP last month

dated Wednesday, made no reference to this shift.

bours after Lady Thatcher attacked the debate on Europe's currency and internal relations as a distraction from real global problems, her former lieutenant and party chairman, Lord Parkinson, said on GMTV that cabine ministers should be allowed to disagree publicly in the referendum campaign, as

Labour ministers were in

Mr Major is determined to

he might not even fight for the right to campaign on a No

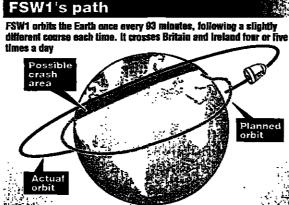
While Labour has kept its internal Euro-battles under control, Tory MPs are as divided as ever. "The main dum is that the Crazies would lose and the Sensibles would win. And Michael Portillo would do as he was told," one Major loyalist predicted.

But such a formula will not avoid such a split. Most ministers, with the exception of his Chancellor, Kenneth as absolutely dedicated to this Clarke, are abandoning hostility to the referendum in the interests of party unity. Cause. His Referendum Party, backed by £10 million of the Anglo-French MEP's fortune,

In another unsettling move, | Michael Portillo's friends say | claims to have 400 candidates and plans to stage its party week after Mr Major's own pre-election conference in October. It threatens to run challengers in every seat where neither the Labour nor Tory candidate is committed to a

referendum. In today's adverts, James demands a referendum, not on what he calls "the technical aspect" of the debate - moves towards a single currency from 1999 but what he regards as the fundamental issue : the "family of nations" vision of Europe versus the "single European superstate".

Spectacular lessons of crowded night sky



SATELLITE: **Oak-tipped** iunk from **China bears** message for environment

ONE-TON Chinese spy satellite poised to plunge to Earth within the next 48 things to come if the United States and Europe follow the advice in Lady Thatcher's speech in Fulton, Missouri.

metres a second. If it hits dry land — the latest guess is that it won't — it will leave a cra-

COMET:

a blaze of

glory or a

hazy flop

Tim Radford

15,000-year

comeback in

T SNEAKED into the night sky as a pinpoint of light on

the south-east horizon very early today and within a fort-

night it will be a mere 10 mil-lion miles from the Earth. Comet Hyakutake — discov-

ered by a Japanese amateur astronomer only in January

will swell to a radiant blob the size of the full moon and

could become the spectacle of

the decade.

Or it could be another astronomical damp squib. "It will be an unusual sight, more ghostly and beautiful than dramatic," said Robin Scagell, vice-president of the Society for Popular Astronomy. David Hughes, Sheffleld University's comet expert, yesterday warned that the sheer closeness of the comet

sheer closeness of the comet

to Earth could create a view-

ing problem for those in a town, and therefore with a

every 90 minutes on the surface of the atmosphere like a on every descent. stone on a millpond. Roughly 12 hours either side of 4am on Tuesday, it will crash to Earth at 300

and North America and many thousands of miles of empty ocean south of the Equator. FSW1 was almost certainly intended to be brought back to Earth in one piece so that analysts could recover film from cameras on board. Something went wrong: a rocket-firing kicked it into unusual orbit where it was spotted by the US defence net-work.

At first the Chinese au-

thorities denied it was theirs. Then they admitted responsibility. Cynics in the defence industry point out that under UN rules, satellites that "drop in" must be returned to the original owner.
FSW1 has a heat shield

partly made from oak planks. This, according to Richard Crowther, senior space sciendvice in Lady Thatcher's tist at the Defence Evaluation each in Fulton, Missouri.
As she spoke on Saturday of borough, Hampshire, is an the need for anti-ballistic missile defence networks to protect against rogue governments, a rogue "earth observation" satellite was skipping man-made composite materials that protect the US shuttle

> The chances of the craft hit-ting a populated region are small. Satellites are more often a hazard to each other than to humans.

ter 20 metres across. Its track during that period takes it over Britain, parts of Europe ple of double-decker buses um's rings, but it won't just be around the Equator, it will enclose the whole Earth."

Hyakutake is a fuzzy globe about the size of the Moon – a huge ball of

ust and ice which

system 15,000

stronomers believe

The great Comet of 1996



Flt Lt Fitz Muse of RAF Fylingdales, North Yorksbire, tracking the route over Europe of the Chinese satellite (pictured

pelow) that is expected to fall to earth tomorrow

years. You are going to get collisions. Each collision will produce say 2,000 fragments. Each one of those fragments can then go on and destroy another satellite and produce another 2,000 fragments. You "The US space command on will end up with almost like a a daily basis tracks over 7,700 belt of debris similar to Sat-

The path of the Comet

stuck together," said Mr | Any attempt to establish a | 1994 from deep within the Crowther. | Crowther. | comprehensive anti-missile | experimental fabric of a Euro-Crowther.

"The big concern is how the orbital environment will posed by President Reagan in 1983 will require a huge dump stuff in the sea, imaginobservation network. This means more satellites, and more launchers in the same

> At orbit speeds, even the tiniest fragments are danger-ous. Around 30 windows have had to be replaced on the US space shuttle after encounters with tiny flakes of paint. Urine ditched by astronauts in the 1960s was recovered in

appointing. Comet Kohoutek in the 1970s was supposed to light up the night sky. Hardly anyone saw it. Comet Halley's

last visit in the 1980s was no

more than a demure appearance. In 1994, Comet Shoe-maker-Levy 9 streamed into

Jupiter in a cosmic firework display that was almost

invisible from Earth.
But Comet Hale-Bopp, discovered last year by two US observers, could be a more obvious spectacle in the evening.

sky in September, and again as it moves away from the

as it moves away from the sun early next year. One report suggests that it might be 25,000 times brighter than Halley. "The fact that it was

een so early is a good hint, but comets are nothing if not unpredictable," said Dr

Hughes. He was the expert who pro-

posed that scientists would learn "between nowt and bug-ger-all" from the Shoemaker-Levy event, "It's quite obvi-ous that if you want to learn

about a comet, the last thing you do is slam into it with

Jupiter at 150,000 miles an hour," he said yesterday.

He is involved in the Euro-

pean Space Agency's 2003 spectacular called the Rosetta

mission. It will launch an un-

manned orbiter carrying two probes to meet one of a choice

of short-period comets and

travel with them, firing

very finite, and the sa thing is happening with space," Mr Crowther said. "The lesson is that we must recognise we have to manage the space environment in the same way that we are learn-ing to do with the terrestrial."

People in the past used

ing it was such a vast expanse there was no way it could ever come back and harm you. But now we see that it is

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Internet petition aims to persuade French government to block 'yuppie' development



At risk . . . 2 Rue Montbuisson. Nin's 'laboratory of the soul'



Henry Miller: Nin's lover in Louveciennes and literary muse

Battle to save Nin's house of love and lust

Alex Duval Smith

Louveciennes like to think of their village rather as Anais Nin de-scribed it when she lived there in 1931: a place "left intact by modern life". where "people come from Paris on Sundays to lunch and row on the Seine, as Maupassant liked to do".

They appear keen to sup-press thoughts of what went on the rest of the week in the Louveciennes lived between 1930 and 1936, and where she launched her career. At 2 Rue Montbuisson,

Nin could be found engag-ing in sex romps with Henry Miller; her busband, Hugo Guiler, her cousin Edouardo: or her Peruvian lover, Gonzalo. That is, when she was not lusting

after Miller's wife, June. Campaigners who wish to save the crumbling villa in Rue Montbuisson — uninters, for the last 15 years claim France is exercising

undue prudishness. Nin, they argue, was an avant-garde feminist writer who should be remembered for more than documenting her desires and inspiring the Cacharel perfume, Anaīs Anaīs.

The battle to save the 18th century hunting lodge from being sold to develop-ers has been taken up on the Internet by an American antiques dealer, Bar-bara Ann Sapp, and a British law student, Omar McDoom. Today they are putting a petition on their

HIC commuters in | web site, http://www.dol-Louveciennes like to | .com/Nin/, in the hope that think of their village | supporters will bombard

French decision-makers.

Ms Sapp, aged 22, said yesterday: "The French authorities think of Nin only as Miller's mistress and refuse to take her seriously. It does not help that she wrote in English, even though she was born in France But all we are asking from the French state is that it should object to a de-veloper buying the house." This would give cam-paigners time to raise up to

£300,000 to purchase the home which Nin called her "laboratory of the soul". It would be turned into a cultural centre where modern writers in the Hemingway and Fitzgerald tradition

could work.

Ms Sapp said a developer had already put in an offer for the house and planned to convert it into "yuppie flats". Unless state archiject by March 25, the gar-den will be split into three

plots for luxury villas.
Until recently, Nin's exploits in the 11 rooms she rented with Guiler at Rue Montbuisson, had gone largely unnoticed. But after his death in 1985, Nin's unexpurgated diaries were published, giving graphic details of her sexual odyssey. The 1990 film Henry And June was set, if not filmed, at the house.

Ms Sapp said: "Nin used to say, 'I really believe that

if I were not a writer, not a had bought.
"When she needed new creator, not an experimenter, I might have been a underwear, she would buy



Literary snub . . . Although born in France, Anais Nin wrote in English and has been ignored by the authorities

Liverpool sets £1,000 council tax

ASH-STARVED Liverpool council yesterday set the country's highest council tax, taking band D payers through £1,000 for the first time in the country. How-ever, the council staved off immediate compulsory redundancies for its workers

with a deal expected to in-clude a temporary pay cut. Hundreds of workers lob-bied the town hall as the Labour controlled authority agreed a 4.5 per cent increase

The Labour group's £496 million budget, which had to absorb £44 million of government-imposed cuts, was passed by 47 votes to 41, after a four-hour debate and eight hours before this year's dead-

After the meeting, Harry Rimmer, the council leader, said he was confident of an "understanding" response from the unions, but warned against action that would disrupt council services. "It would be futile; it wouldn't achieve anything." he said.

He said negotiations "may very well involve" job losses, but forecast these might be avoided "if we get maximum co-operation between now and March 31".

The budget, fiercely op-posed by the Liberal Demo-crats, set a council tax of between £670.97 for band A and £2,012.92 for band H. It takes properties in band D — those valued at between £68,000 and £88.000 — above £1,000 for the first time in the country. Labour leaders blamed the

new rates primarily on the Government's hostility to Labour-controlled cities. They pointed out that 85 per cent of Liverpool's properties were in band A, valued at up

Several hundred protesters whistled and jeered councillors as they entered the town hall. Cardboard efficies of Hitler and Churchill were brandished to underline the

Changes already clear from yesterday's vote include a 15p increase in school meals charges, to £1, and a deal for 24,000 council workers expected to include a 2 per cent pay cut for six months and a six-month suspension of a 2.9 per cent pay increase.

compulsory redundancies. Talks up to March 31 would include "strenuous efforts" to identify alternative savings and a comprehensive review of council structures, includ-

ing councillors' allowances.

Mr Rimmer said he commended a "bad budget" to the council, "not with any great sense of achievement ... it's making the best of an extremely poor job"

He criticised government categories governing ald. One such index showed Liverpool 85th on a table of the most deprived authorities, while Westminster was ranked fourth. Liverpool, where un-employment is 18.5 per cent, was also "less deprived" than places like Lincoln and Runnymede.

If Liverpool received the

same financial support as Westminster, it would be able

Budget means band D payers will break four-figure barrier for first time in country

to give a £250 rebate to every council tax payer, said Mr

The Liberal Democrats' al ternative proposals were defeated by 50 votes to 38. Flo Clucas, the party's deputy leader, said Labour proposals would cost 170 jobs and involve a pay cut levelled unfairly to at both poorly paid and wall-paid both poorly paid and well-paid council employees.

"As far as this council is concerned, there's been a hole in it for some time," she said. "There is no political leader-ship to take it into the 20th century, let alone the 21st." She said the budget was a recipe for disaster, which would fall apart in the next

six months. "You will have nowhere else to run, except compul-sory redundancies." she told the Labour leadership.

Frank Prendergast, Labour deputy leader, said the budget was "a package that's bridging the gap for this city". But he warned councillors: "It is no good anybody walking away from here today and thinking that the problems are over. The problems are only just beginning . . . if any with the council pledging ing to be achieved."

Coma man taps out tale of murder attempt

Police reopen inquiry into train 'accident' that injured musician

Helen Nowicka

What's the

erence between

s and other

nch teachers.

YOUNG musician who suffered brain damage in what appeared to be an accident has emerged from a two-year coma to tell doctors he was the victim of a murder attempt. Detectives have reopened

their investigation into what trace any witness happened to Geoffrey Wild-smith in the minutes before he was found lying in a pool of blood shortly after midnight on April 24, 1994. Mr Wildsmith, then 19, had

been playing bass guitar with his hand Rich and Famous at a hotel in Haslemere, Surrey, before catching a train home to Guildford. He complained of feeling unwell and reportedly asked an aquaintance he met on the train to mind

Shortly afterwards he was found lying in the carriage alphabet was devised so he corridor bleeding heavily. could tap messages.

Part of his skull and brain

were missing.

A window was open above where Mr Wildsmith was found, and traces of flesh were recovered from the car-riage side, leading detectives to believe he had leaned out and been struck by an oncom-ing train or the wall of a tun-nel. Police were unable to trace any witnesses.

Mr Wildsmith, an opti-cian's assistant, was paralysed in the incident and remained in a persistent vege-tative state at the Royal Hospital for Neurodisability in Putney, south-west London, until last month.

Then staff noticed a slight movement in the tip of the lit-tle finger on his right hand and tried to communicate with him. A computer operated by a button was linked to his bag while he went for some air.

a buzzer so Mr Wildsmith could hear how many times he touched it, and a coded

When doctors asked if he could remember what hap-pened on the night he was in-jured he replied that he could and it had not been an acci-dent. He painstakingly spelt out that assailants had tried to kill him.

away, Nin would get up to

The deception revolved mainly around Nin's mach-

inations to sleep with and support Miller. "She was a great seamstress and would

tell Guiler she needed a new dress from Dior. He

would give her the money

and she would run some thing off using fabric she

all sorts of tricks."

British Transport Police officers led by Detective Inspec-tor Ron Wainer took Mr Wildsmith's statement at his

Detectives have since reinterviewed several people questioned two years ago, and are pursuing fresh leads. They are also reviewing fo-rensic tests that failed to find any human tissue on oncoming trains or tunnels.
Detective Chief Superinten

telling us new things which we are taking seriously."

Yesterday Mr Wildsmith's mother, Marie Appassamy, said she had been shocked to learn of the assault. "For nearly two years we have all believed it was an accident and now the police are inves-tigating something more sin-

'Two-strike' sentences will need more jails Howard admits

Rupert Pole. Nin died in Los Angeles in 1977.

As well as the most con-

troversial episodes of her diary, Nin wrote Spy In The

House of Love in Louve-clennes. Miller is believed

to have worked at the

house, too, and Lawrence Durrell, the photographer

Gyula Brassai, and the

sculptor Constantin Bran-

cusi were frequent visitors.

mean the repeat rapist would "cut their losses and murder the only witness to the crime". The Home Secretary insisted that somebody who had just committed a rape nal state of mind to make that kind of assessment". Lord Donaldson, former

Guardian the "two strikes and you're out" proposal was still a "sledgehammer to crack a nut" which would apply to only 40 cases a year.

Lord Donaldson, who has warmed of the donator of "dec. warned of the danger of "'despotic" government, suggested a new indeterminate sentence

sentence on a repeat rapist, "but in those days I had no doubt about the objectivity with which the question of release would be approached. I personally now do have ister, it's hard to come to

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It's a power thing; and power — in various permutations — is really what's at the heart of the British fascination with doos. The "hound" of the royal or baronial master, used for hunting in his exclusive forests, has come down to the mass of the people. **Profile**

News in brief

Decision on Hindley 'in due course'

THE decision on whether the Moors Murderer Myra Hindley will be released from prison will be taken "in due course" the Home Secretary Indicated yesterday. Michael Howard told Hindley just before Christmas that he intended that she never be released but expects to receive her arguments "very shortly" as to why he should not confirm it. His comments came as Hindley launched a fresh attack on the Home Secretary in a 5.000-word article published yesterday by the Oxford Universi-"caged budgie" trapped by Mr Howard's "sinister ability" to change the rules governing life sentence prisoners. She complained that He was keeping her inside to win votes. Yesterday Ann West, mother of one of the moors victims, Lesley Ann Downey, hit back at her claim, saying: "He's keeping her in for murdering four children, actually." — Alan Travis

British soldier wounded

A BRITISH soldier was shot and wounded by an off-duty policeman yesterday in a Cyprus pub brawl, but there are conflicting claims as to whether the officer was involved in the fight or attempting to restore order. Lance Corporal Wayne Eric Phillips, aged 24, was hit in the right shoulder and is being treated in a military hospital on the British base at Episkopi. Several soldiers were involved in the brawl in a Limassol suburb with Cypriot civilians. - Chris Drake

Berlin to get BBC World

GERMANY has granted BBC World, the 24hr international news channel, a terrestrial licence to broadcast in Berlin, which will boost its potential audience by 4.3 million households. The rapid expansion comes as speculation increases that the channel. relaunched a year ago, could be poised to make a breakthrough into the US market. The advertising supported service has been encouraged by the Government's insistence that the BBC expand its commercial operations to compete on the international stage. — Andrew Culf

Murderer ready to hang

THE convicted British murderer John Martin, on death row in Singapore for killing a South African tourist last year, will not seek clemency from President Ong Teng Cheong, the Singapore Sunday Times newspaper said. Martin, aged 35, also known as John Martin Scripps, was sentenced to hang for murder after the High Court convicted him last November of killing and dismembering Gerard George Lowe. In January, Martin gave up his right to refer his case to the Court of Appeal. His lawyer Edmond Pereira said others could still petition for clemency on his behalf.

Ex-boxer fighting dump

FORMER world boxing champion Barry McGuigan is fighting plans to site a huge rubbish dump and recycling plant within a few hundred yards of his home. The plant is planned by Cleanaway waste management on 350 acres of Lamberhurst Farm. on the outskirts of Dargate, near Faversham, Kent.

"This is a drastic sttuation, a disgrace," the former feather-weight champion said yesterday at his six-bedroom home where he lives with his wife Sandra and their four children. Ricky Holdstock, chairman of the local parish council, said an action group was being formed and a campaign was inevitable.

Duchess has viral illness

THE Duchess of Kent is suffering a debilitating viral illness which was diagnosed the day before her recent 10-day visit to India for the United Nations Children's Fund. The duchess, who is 63 and has suffered bouts of exhaustion for months, has contracted Epstein Barr Virus (EBV), which has been linked with three types of cancer. It is a type of the herpes virus, can trigger landular fever, and leaves sufferers feeling tired. The duchess told organisers she would go ahead with the trip.

and only revealed the nature of her illness as she was travelling back to the UK.

Learning to be happy

PEOPLE get more happiness from learning something new than from sex or the lottery, according to a Gallup survey published yesterday by the North Yorkshire Training and Enterprise Council. It found 44 per cent of people said learning new things made them happy. Fewer got equivalent satisfaction from taking the children out, from sex or watching sport, from decorating and from doing the lottery. The findings are being used to encourage more adults to embark on further education.

 Eight National Lottery punters each won a £1,325,202 share of the £10.6 million jackpot. The winning numbers were 14, 16, 29, 30, 37, 45. The bonus number was 7. — John Carvel

Short accuses Government of 'mortgaging the future before Parliament has approved Tunnel bill'

Channel rail link land expected to yield big profits bonanza for consortium

Keith Harper Transport Editor

HE Government has revealed that "a high level of profit" can be made from the development of land which is part of the £5.7 billion worth of public assets and cash handed over to the private consor-tium which will build the Channel Tunnel rail link.

The Government is handing over 240 acres of land on sites at King's Cross and Stratford, east London, to the London and Continental Consortium, which includes Richard Branson, as part of a package to build the link by

Ministers have been saying that the land is "derelict" and worth little in its present state, although a number of small businesses in the King's

amounts in preparation for

A Government memorandum quietly laid before Parliament late on Friday anticipates substantial profits on proved by Parliament". both sites, but says that given uncertainty, a clawback scheme has been put in place under which profits above an agreed level will be shared equally between the Government and the consortium. It also says the Govern-ment's £1.4 billion contribu-tion can be reduced if profits

are big enough. The memorandum says the freehold will not be transferred to the consortium until the rail link has been completed. It can allow earlier development so long as the proceeds are spent solely on the rail link project. The memorandum pro-

Cross area of central London | voked a furious reaction last | which it has no right to do. | and unexpected ground have sold out for considerable night from Clare Short, Labour's transport spokes woman. She described it as an attempt to "mortgage the future even before the Channel Tunnel bill has been ap-

The bill has just started to

go through Parliament, but is unlikely to be completed until early next year. The memorandum from the Transport Secretary, Sir George Young, shows that the Government wants to press

abead with all the rail-link preparatory work, even though it will be out of office before construction begins.

Ms Short said: "Labour remains totally committed to the link. If we had been listened to, the project could have been built at less cost and with public money. But the Government is making

commitments over the project

These will have to be re-examined by any new government and certainly by a Labour administration."

The memorandum makes it clear that the consortium will only be responsible for the construction and commercial risks. The Government would assume responsibility for the project if the consortium's assets were sequestrated, and if ministers ordered changes to

The Government could also take responsibility for mat-ters relating to "existing leases 'and tenancies," which the consortium is taking over. Generous reasons to extend the time allowed for comple-tion of the project beyond 2002 have also been written in by Sir George.

The reasons range from bad weather conditions to the dis-

conditions. Two other letouts are the protection of listed buildings

and fauna. The memorandum claims that the rail-link will provide £6 billion of benefits to the public, of which \$4.8 billion will be in increased value of the link to international

Because the Government is reserving capacity on the line for up to eight domestic trains and hour, long distance commuters will also benefit.

The link will enable inter national services to more than double existing capacity of four trains every hour on routes between London and the Channel Tunnel.

The memorandum sets out possible circumstances when the Government and the con-sortium would share responsiblity. Among them are de-

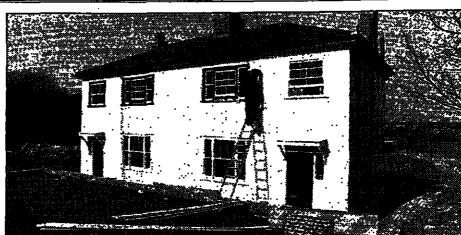


Clare Short: angry reaction

law and taxation which disconsortium.



The museum's Melanie Weatherly mops up. Kitchens in the iron houses were small to make



Daughter of the Iron House revisits her birthplace

Maey Kennedy

AT Smith is returning to the house where she was born today, slightly surprised to find it has become a museum

When she was born there in 1927, the council house in Dudley, West Midlands, looked like any other semi, but there were two clues: its name, and the conse quences when a child couldn't resist the temptation and hurled a stone. It and it clanged like a gong when struck.

The cast iron council houses were designed after the war as homes fit for heroes. It was thought they would be cheap and easy to build, and could be mass pre-fabricated by iron

nearly £1,000 a pair, twice as much as brick. Only three pairs were built in Dudley, and now there is only this pair left, jigsawed together at the Black Country Museum, Dudley, out of the best bits of the

They were listed in the 1980s, just as Dudley council was giving up the struggle to maintain them. The discovery they were inthe last straw, and the last tenant moved out in 1987. The museum curator, Anne Lineen, has found the original plans and contracts and discovered there was a measure of social en-

six houses.

"It's very important be-cause what we're hoping for

is ultimately a reconciliation

between the Unionists who consider themselves to be

British who live in Ireland and Irish nationalists who

live in Ireland too," he said.
"There has never been

econciliation between those two sectors of people in the past 300 years. Obviously if there is to be permanent peace there has to be that

reconciliation based on

iron panels for these front rooms and not in the houses were bolted together in eight days — but in the end they cost occupy themselves with improving hobbies."

One of the houses is being left with stripped interior walls to reveal the construction, and the other is being fitted out with original furniture painstakingly refurbished to look brand

Mrs Smith moved to her own brick house when she married in 1949, and never after her mother left, but fection. "Of course we never knew about the asbestos, that fills me with horror now," she says.
"But it was a lovely house. People say they were cold in winter and like an oven build, and could be mass gineering built in. in summer, but I don't pre-fabricated by iron "They had good big front foundries. They were in- rooms and deliberately lighted it's in the museum deed quick to assemble — small kitchens, in the hope records show the 600 cast that people would sit in the children to see it."

Mr Taylor said there was "nothing historic" about his

party's Dublin dinner date, since Ulster Unionists had pe-riodically met Dublin govern-

are like that, it's one of their

On Wednesday he and Mr

Trimble will travel to Washington for St Patrick's Day celebrations, culminating in a

White House reception on Fri-day. The Sinn Fein president

Gerry Adams, who was the star guest last year, has not been invited because of the ending of the IRA's ceasefire.



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Trimble warns Dublin on 'weasel words'

Unionist anger at perceived drift in decommissioning commitment

HE ULSTER Unionist leader David Trimble travels to Dublin today to warn that he will boycott the June 10 all-party talks unless the Irish government takes seriously the need for lecommissioning arms. Mr Trimble, who meets the

Irish prime minister John Bruton for a working dinner tonight, will insist that legislation is in place by June to establish a commission to

oversee paramilitary decom-missioning as talks progress. The Ulster Unionist deputy leader John Taylor, who will accompany Mr Trimble, said he was concerned by a per-ceived drift in Dublin's commitment to the principal, as set out in the Anglo-Irish communique which set June

10 as the date for talks. He said that the Irish foreign minister Dick Spring had claimed that the requirement that decommissioning be "addressed" on the first day of talks meant only that it should be "mentioned". This | David Trimble: threat was another example of Dub- to boycott peace talks

United States.

lin using "weasel words" and failing to honour agreements. "Unionists cannot take part in talks with Sinn Fein until there is a clear commitment to proceed with decommis-sioning by stages as laid down in the Mitchell report." he said. "We are going to ask Dublin tomorrow 'are you turning your back on the

Mitchell report?" In his report George Mitchell, President Clinton's special Irish envoy, recom-mended that the paramilitaries destroy their weapons in



Gary Glitter may never make it to the White House, but he could help someone else get there. For, whether he knows it or not, the

seventies rocker has been enlisted in the

campaign to elect Bob Dole president of the

front of independent verifiers | leaders rather than the three | coalition partners. Mr Trimble said he was "absolutely delighted" by a speech made by Mr Bruton at his Fine Gael party's annual conference this weekend, in which the taoiseach lambasted the IRA and said that there and the ne effective talk use. could be no effective talks un-less everybody was willing to negotiate by the same rules. Michael Ancram, the Northern Ireland minister,

also welcomed the tone of Mr Bruton's speech. On BBC's Breakfast with Frost pro-gramme, he said of the IRA and Sinn Fein "one is a mem-ber of the other" and that they alone were excluding themselves from the process. "If they want to become part of that democratic path then they have to unequivocally restore the ceasefire."
Mr Ancram acknowledged

that there were differences between the Northern Ireland parties on the form that elections should take place, but he said he hoped that they would accept whatever the Government decided. Later Mr Bruton told Irish

radio that the meeting today

between the entire Irish gov ernment team and the unionist delegation was "a a historic event". Previously Mr Trimble has said he would only meet individual party

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Traumatised survivors tell **Ed Vulliamy** of the horrors perpetrated by one man against the people of Visegrad, in eastern Bosnia

Bloody trail of butchery at the bridge





HE bridge that spans the River Drina's lusty cur-Bosnian emblem. title of a great work of litera-ture by the country's most celebrated author, Ivo Andric, a Nobel prize winner. is at once backdrop and silent

It is a mighty and glorious structure spanning the river at a point where savage, precinitous rocks briefly part, giving way to a verdant valley. The water flowing through its elegant arches is a

he Iron House

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& business on

Rate is reduced

The bridge was built, as the carved inscription proudly declares, in 1571 by order of Mehmet Pasha, of robust pumice stone hewn by Rade the Mason. "Of all the things that life drives man to shape and build," wrote Andric, "none, I think, is as precious as bridges ... They serve no

arcane or evil purpose."

Andric, who died in 1975, once complained that a house scured the view of the bridge postcard above depicts Vise grad in peace time. Had the author lived into the 1990s, he might have been grateful for the obstruction. For in the hidden history of Bosnia's war, the Bridge on the Drina

was bloodily defiled. It was turned into a slaugh terhouse - a place of serial public execution — by a man we now reveal as one of the most brutal mass killers of the war. Virtually unknown, not indicted by the war crimes tribunal, this monster turned the Dring red with the blood of hundreds — maybe thousands — of Muslims murcorpses the bold current

A few of the bodies were rescued from the waters by a teenager, whose quiet testimony begins the unveiling of butchery at the bridge.

swept downriver.

ASMIN R's fresb face belies what he knows. Jasmin was evacuated to Dublin last Christmas from a prison camp in Serbia, to which he had fled from the crushed Muslim enclave of Zepa, to which he had fled from Visegrad in 1992.

During his three years at Zepa, Jasmin, aged 14 on arrival, was considered too young to fight. Instead, he called Slap, a lonely junction

haul bloated corpses out of the Drina's current as it flowed from Visegrad, bring them ashore in a small boat

give them a proper burial.
"We dug the graves," he says calmly, "and buried 180 people. Some I knew personally, they had been my neigh-bours in Visegrad." The Bosnian government calculates that probably about one in 20 bodies were salvaged.

Jasmin's companion in this

based in a barracks for exiled Zepa soldiers up a front-line mountain in central Bosnia.
"The bodies came," says Mersud, "almost every day.
Men and women, old and
young They had been beaten
and tortured, they were black
and blue, and some had been decapitated. Yes, and there were children. Mostly 10 or

Eighty-two corpses were identified. The graves were dug for one, three or five at a and ringed by a low fence. Before the war, Mersud had

12, and two infants of about 18

spent summer evenings with friends on the bridge. "It was for coffee. I read the Andric book, it was compulsary at

The Serbian slaughter of the war's inception was largely hidden from prying

Unknown to the outside vorld, on August 5 1994 a Sercalled Milomir Obradovic, held prisoner in Muslim Gor-azde, told his captors the story of one man: Milan Lu-kic. A UN policeman, Ser-geant T. Cameron, took notes. Obradovic told how Lukic paraded around Visegrad with a megaphone, shrieking: "Brother Serbs, it's time to finish off the Muslims" and how Lukic set about achiev-

ing this goal. Lukic, he said, locked men. women and children in houses and incinerated them. He arrived at factories, took for a while he kept the wife of one such victim, Igbala Raferovic, as a captive sexual

Lukic tied a man to his car with a tow-rope and dragged dead. One member of Lukic's gang, "The Wolf", raped one of the girls they kept prisoner for the purpose at the Vilina Vlas spa hotel so violently that when the rest demanded their turn the girl, Jasna Ahmedspahic, jumped out of a window to her death.

There were two massacres in May 1992, said Obradovic. At a village called Prelevo, Lukic took men off buses shipping Muslims out of Vise grad, lay them face down and shot them. "There is," confessed Obradovic, "a mass grave at Prelevo."

Another convoy of refugees was stopped by Lukic at Dra-gomilje, the men again taken and shot. Obradovic told of mass murder on Visegrad's bridge, adding that the killing was sanctioned by the Yugo-

between the Drina and Zepa | By a cruel twist, Obrado | murder in Visegrad's war.



Slippery customer . . . General Ratko Mladic, wanted by the United Nations war crimes tribunal in The Hague, out skiing on Mt Johorina near Sarajevo at the weekend. He said on Greek television: This is a political court with no legal basis . . . a pot where the fate of people is cooked."

Meanwhile French fire fighters were sent into Ilidza, Sarajevo yesterday, after fleeing Serbs set several buildings alight

PHOTOGRAPH APTV

vic's captors exchanged him apparently unaware of his value. The witness was lost. Obradovic has not been heard of since, and any investigator might wonder whether he met the same fate as another Serb official who objected to Lukic's mass murder, Stanko Petcikoza. Obradovic said Lukic murdered him.

But, following the trail of Lukic's bloodlust, the Guardian has reconstructed the case, and found other wit-nesses to the Visegrad carnage scattered across Bosnia and Europe. Their testimo-nies interweave like threads Muslim from Visegrad who does not know what Milan Lukic did on their bridge, and

'if the red Passat arrived, you knew something terrible would happen to you'

there are very few who do not mourn in his wake. Mersud the gravedigger knew the man whose victims he pulled from the river; they had been neighbours. Lukic, now about 30, was born in the village of Rujiste, said Mer-sud, and "seemed a good . Another neighbour called Omer, now in Sarajevo, said that Lukic's family had been "fervent Chetniks in the second world war". Lukic moved to Serbia after leaving high school to keep a cafe in Obrenovac, near Belgrade, but returned as the clouds of war gathered in spring 1992.

Lukic assembled a gang of 15 braves, including his brother Milos, cousin Sredoje. a chum from Belgrade called Deyan Jeftic and a waiter, Mitar Vasiljevic. Before long Lukic committed the first

when she heard a shot next door. The little girl from the, household came running to Mirsada's house, saying her mother Bakha Zukic was ad, shot in the back, and her father Dzemo taken. The was Milan Lukic: he had taken a fancy to Dzemo's new red Volkswagen Passat, and

had made off with both man and car. Dzemo Zukic was never seen again, but the car became omnipresent. From that house, you knew something terrible was about to happen to you." Thus Milan Lukic

sparked an orgy of violence which emptied Visegrad of 14,500 Muslims. The bridge was not the only killing field. Women have survived to bear witness to Lukic's house-burnings. Her hands and face deformed by fire, Zehra T. was the sole survivor of an inferno at Bakovica, above the bridge,

on June 27, in which 71 people were incinerated. Esma K. was herded into a stadlum and thence to a house with 60 others. The Passat arrived at 5pm. Within four hours, she said: "The sky was light because the house

was in flames." Esma escaped through a window. A man called Hasan Ajanovic survived a cull of men in the house of a waiter called Meho. Meho had worked alongside Lukic's waiterhenchman Vasiljevic at the Panos restaurant. Six men, including Meho and his son Ekhem, were driven to the riverbank in a convoy led by Lukic and Vasilievic, where Hasan jumped into the water

But the bloodiest arena was the bridge itself. The struc-ture is visible from almost every balcony and window in Visegrad, which climbs both | ble sufficient staff to remove

pefore he was hit and was

shielded by Meho's floating

sides of the valley. Its cobblestones are a stage at the foot of an amphitheatre; the exe cutions were intended to be

as public as possible.
From her balcony, Fehida D. watched. She saw "Lukic, in his Passat, and the trucks behind, arriving on the bridge each evening". The gang would unload their human cargo, and the killing began. "We saw them by day or by the city lights, whether they were killing men that time, women or children. It took half an hour, sometimes

The Serbs usually stabbed tween life and death before throwing them into the water below. "Sometimes they

4 could hear both women screaming until they were shot in the stomach. They fell in'

would throw people off alive,' Fehida recalled, "shooting at the same time. Sometimes they would make them swim a bit, then shoot." One witness, Admir H.,

recalled Lukic enjoying music from the Passat's radio while throwing two men into the river. "I can't swim!" protested one of them, Samir, as Lukic fired into the water.
At the end of June a Vise grad police inspector, Milan Josipovic, received a macabre from the management of Ba-

jina Basta hydro-electric plant across the Serbian border. The plant director said could whoever was responsible please slow the flow of corpses down the Drina? They were clogging up the culverts in his dam at such a rate that he could not assem-

them. The dam is well downriver from Jasmin's and Mersud's Zepa graveyard — their 180 bodies were a small frac

Hasena M. lived in a first floor flat, 150 yards from the riverbank in Visegrad. By July 15 she had spent 12 days wondering whether her hus band Nusret was alive. He had been taken by a Serbian neighbour he had known neighbour he had known ably, leaning back against the well. Dragan Tomic, and parapet, which reclines. This

Hasena set off for work at 6.30, across the bridge as usual, to find Lukic already hands tied behind their backs" were being executed to the sound of his car radio. At lunchtime, Lukic came

by Hasena's factory to promise that the time had come to "finish off the Mus-lims" remaining in Visegrad. Hasena and her three Muslim workmates left early, electing to take another route home Looking upriver at the old bridge, they saw 15 men lined up and killed. Terrified, Hasena hid at home for four days with her daughters Nus reta and Nermina, aged eight

In the afternoon of July 19, the red Passat pulled up outside Hasena's flat, into which her elderly parents and sister had moved. Milan and Milos Lukic, armed with machine guns, kicked the door open. Hasena's children were play

"Milan Lukic said that in the next 15 minutes he would kill us all," recalled Hasena. She was sent outside to fetch the little girls, but implored her Serbian neighbours to hide them; the neighbours refused. So Hasena and her girls slipped unheard past her own front door to an empty

flat on the third floor. From there Hasena heard Lukic ask: "Where's the third woman?" She heard her mother Ramiza call for her, but waited. From a window

Visegrad say they "shared a house with other women" during that summer. That is all. Some details, if spoken, can destroy any attempt to rebuild life. On September 13, Hasena

vas moved. And now her story adds another, fresh name to the grisly list of Serbian concentration camps in Bosnia: Uzamnica

Hasena was kept in a crowded hangar of this diswhile her daughters lost their childhood. "I used to look at them in the morning, asleep, locked in while the sun was shining outside, and cry."

labour camp, so that when they were outside Hasena and her girls were working, even six-year-old Nermina. It was hard labour, dawn-to-dusk planting tomatoes or feeding cattle. The only food the Serbs provided for their Muslim prisoners was forbidden pork. Lukic was a regular visitor to Uzamnica. "He came every day, wild, saying 'I'll kill you filthy gypsies'" — beating and abusing prisoners at will, The screams of pain, said Hasena, came mainly from the men's quarters. Each week, convoys of male prison-ers would leave the camp,

heading into Serbia, never to be seen again. Last October Hasena and her girls were exchanged, and made it to Visegrad is now a baleful watchful town. It is awful to look down at the vigorous current gliding beneath the Sofa and its parapet, and to wonder that this was the last

But Visegrad is still home to the Ivo Andric library, the finest collection of his books in the world. The librarian Stojka Mijatovic, offered us a volume, a gift. "We have taken so many books from

know what to do with them, she said. Mrs Mijatovic had once pre sented this very edition of Andric to the library's most regular and best-loved client. Now she had it back, looted from the dead man's house.

Muslim houses we hardly

was where Hasena used to chat with her friends. But not offered. "No thank you." The dedication from the library was to Emir Ajanovic, a relader of Osman's father and

> Would you ever want to see the bridge again? Osman and Fehida shuddered. "Never." And Hasena? She shivered. Never Not if I lived a thousand years. I wish I could drive that bridge from my mind, but I see it as though I were there now. That bridge will drive me mad

Looking for Milan Lukic is a dangerous pastime. The bush telegraph informs us that he is now back in Obren-

They fell into the water, the men laughing as they watched. The water went red." This was the beginning of

mother and sister Asima out

into the Passat, and drive

followed, to a vantage point

Halfway across the river, the bridge widens to form a

lovely overhang above the current called the Sofa, a

Turkish word. Here is a

bench of fine flagstones

where people can sit comfort-

'I wish I could

from my mind,

but I see it . . .

drive me maď

That bridge will

drive that bridge

near a school.

Hasena's calvary. She hid overnight in an empty house with the children, returning home at dawn to seek out her invalid father, who was unable to walk. "My father said: 'Go. Take

the girls, run away. You obvi-ously can't take me. I'll wait here until they come for me. Go.' I looked at him, and then at my girls. I made him some breakfast and he said: 'Come here, my daughter, so I can kiss you the last time.' He kissed me and the girls, and we left him sitting there, alone."

with Hasena, they took her and the girls to a house full of other Muslim women, where at the Bridge on the Drina she saw Lukic march her | they were held captive for two | was unfinished.

on July 19. "I watched them put my mother and sister astride the Hasena said. "I could hear both women screaming, until brother they were shot in the stomach

ovac, Serbia, and a wealthy

It is a drab, faceless town and the glass-fronted Viski Bar he is said to have manscantily patronised and blaring out Montenegrin folk music. An inquiry as to Mr Lukic's whereabouts is met with a stony glare charged with menace, and not sensibly challenged.

But there was one, omi-nous, recent sighting. A Mus-lim soldier from Zepa, present at the fall of the enclave in 1995, said he saw Lukic with the Serbian army patrolling the columns of Muslim fighters as they lined up to surrender. He was looking for any-one he recognised, and shouting: "Anyone from Vise When the Serbs caught up grad step out of the line! Any-

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Misplaced misogyny

ONCE upon a time, the headmasters — and they were all men - of the nation's leading public schools were regarded as awesome and formidable. Today, they increasingly make themselves look foolish and absurd. Take Roy Chapman, head of Malvern College, who was chairman last year of the Headmasters' Conference (HMC), which represents 240 leading private schools. Mr Chapman cannot make up his mind whether society is changing or not. Last year, he declared that it was and that the traditional role of the headmaster's wife was no longer tenable. They should have contracts like his own wife has — to ensure they are paid for the work which they do for a school. This year, alas, he has regressed. Mr Chapman has been warning mothers of the emotional damage they can cause their children by going out to work. Unlike the current head of the HMC, Mr Chapman does not want to turn the clock back, but he warns that those who have to compromise — by running homes and working — lose out, as do their children. Just how a mother goes out to work without compromise he does not say. But he dismisses the idea of house-husbands. They are no substitute. His successor at HMC, Tony Evans, is an even more militant male, writing impassioned pieces in the Daily Mail about how middle-class professional women are betraying their children by spending money on, rather than time with, their children: in his words, perpetrating opulent

Why parents in private schools are not in revolt over these new soundbite heads is difficult to understand. Presumably, one reason why mothers of children in boarding schools go out to work is because that is the only way the parents can pay the £12,000 plus fees. Why, of all people, should a boarding school head be warning mothers about working? Surely, of all mothers, the mother whose son is away at boarding school has least conflict in her dual role. There are several other unattractive aspects of the new private school leaders. They seem incapable of understanding not just how much society has moved on, but how much further it still needs to go -- in terms of flexible working arrangements, for example, if mothers (and fathers) are to meet their parental responsibilities. Then there are their crude generalisations and plain ignorance of social history. Mr Evans suggests that ignored and unhappy children are a new phenomenon among the affluent and educated. Far from it. Surely a public school head should at least know this? It is as old as Sir Robert Walpole, Britain's first prime minister, who was sent off to school at six in 1682 and scarcely saw his parents again until he was 22.

There is another puzzle. The public schools have been desperate to demonstrate they are no longer the fossilised and isolated communities they once were. Two thirds of the schools now admit girls. But what are the always posing as the friend of girls being told: don't go out to work? What about girls being told: don't go out to work? What about small business but this is women teachers? Only last month the HMC changed its never borne out by reality. title to Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference. Do the headmistresses — all three of them — concur?

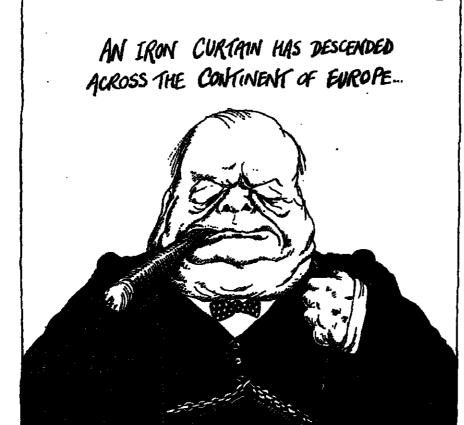
China's gunboats

Why firing missiles near Taiwan is wrong

FIRING a missile onto someone else's doorstep is the modern equivalent of sending a gunboat. It is a sad situation when post-revolutionary China adopts a practice towards Taiwan more usually associated with the British in their empire or the US in its backyard. Beijing will say that it is not someone else's doorstep but its own. If there is only one China, then firing a missile to land near Gaohsiung or Keelong is, in their stilted wording, "an internal matter which brooks no interference". But it is one thing to assert that China will not renounce the use of force or threat of force to manage its internal affairs. That has been the position for 45 years and it is not going to change now. It is quite another to brandish missiles as an open threat and it is reckless to do so across international waters against target areas only 20 kilometres from centres of

population. China has, in recent years, shown considerable skill in its foreign relations. It has extricated itself from a position of dual isolation from both superpowers. It has managed to retain many of the interests of a developing country while, in many respects, joining the ranks of the developed. It has overcome decades of cold war hostility to build bridges with all of its neighbours. It has negotiated a deal which seemed reasonable for the return of Hong Kong. But, more recently, a harsher coarser mood has set in. The missiles send a threatening message to the people of Taiwan as they prepare for the presidential elections, spelt out in specific terms: they must not vote for anyone advocating independence. Premier Zhou Enlai, the architect of China's policy of peaceful co-existence, would never have permitted such crude blackmail. The affair raises worrying questions about elite politics at a time of leadership transition. Can Beijing really not see what harm this is doing to its image abroad - or are those who would advise against it unable to prevail?

In the 1950s, there were two Taiwan Straits crises when China raised the temperature by shelling the Taiwan-controlled offshore islands near the Chinese mainland. But then Beijing faced a discredited Guomindang regime in Taipei and the unremitting hostility of the US, which backed Chiang Kai-shek. Taiwan agents launched sabotage missions against the mainland: the US sought aggressively to "contain" and isolate Beijing. Today, the situation is so different that it hardly needs spelling out. Taiwan poses no possible threat to the mainland and is heavily involved in the Chinese economy. But its de facto independence from the mainland has been reinforced by shifts in Taiwanese public opinion and the democratisation of its politics. The doddery generals insisting they would "return to the mainland" have disappeared, but the emotional commitment to one China has gone with them. This calls for tactful handling on both sides, not for the brandishing of missiles. President Lee Teng-huia's visit to the US last year was not well-handled, but this does not justify Beijing's over-reaction. Western governments have generally deferred to Beijing's greater size and power on this issue. But China's action now goes beyond acceptable norms. The fact that this is nominally one country does not make such behaviour less of a potential threat to peace.





Letters to the Editor

RUN a small business. What I need is skilled, well-trained, hard-working, committed employees. You cannot expect these if you offer no job security, no rights and low pay (Major retreats on ending job rights for 10m, March 8). In short, you need to give a matching committo give a matching commit-ment to your employees.

wanted to cut red tape, why does it not a) really simplify the PAYE system, b) scrap VAT. The cost of these in time

is far greater than on giving employees their rights.

What I also need is an increase in the level of aggregate demand. The higher the wages, the more gets spent, and the poor spend proportionately more than the rich. So, if I take a long-term view, I am not afraid of a minimum. I am not afraid of a minimum wage, or higher income taxes Graham Miller. 3 Boundaries, Jedburgh, Roxburghshire TD8 6EX.

T IS time that small-business people woke up. The fact is that enormous numbers of small businesses have failed in the 17 years of Tory government. The Tories are Barnaby Marder. Richmond Music Shop Ltd. 16 Red Lion Street,

√OU report Mark Smith, an I employer who claims to have had enough of spurious unfair dismissal tribunal claims, as saying that the problem is that solicitors are ambulance-chasing this sort of work; and you go on to comment that most of those appealing qualified for legal aid (Small firms become bat-

tleground, March 8). You are incorrect. Legal aid is not and never has been available for industrial tribunals. Unless entitled to free legal help (for example, a trade union member), an em-pioyee who seeks legal help with a claim will be required to fund it privately, and usually to pay a sum of money in advance on account of costs. Alan Robinson.

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Happy workers, Hitchens: shock, horror Cloning is too important a happy profits

amusingly self-righteous paign to vilify and demonise lengths to justify being the Mrs Blair. But Mr Blair is not kind of creep who invents scandals where none exist and attacks people in order to inflame feeling against

It's futile to get emotional in defence of Cherie Blair, as if this will stop them from doing it. If one creep should get an unlikely attack of con-science and back off, the kind of editor who employs hitmen for this type of work will quickly find another.

But we need more articles, preferably written by men, coming clean about just why we encourage women, in all our professions, to do well and then, in snide, furtive ways, punctuated by hysterial belly-laughs, take glee in put-ting them down as if they are characters in saloon-bar dirty Just what is our dirty little

secret about women who do well in public? Gil and Anita Elliot. 85a St Augustine's Road, London NW1 9RR.

prime minister and cannot be held responsible for the maladministration or abuse of

power that have afflicted Britian since May 1979.

By contrast, Mrs Major is the wife of the man, who has been prime minister for several years, and a cabinet mineral years, and a cabinet min-ister before that. One has been allowed to know that Mrs Major is a keen opera lover, but — surprise, sur-prise — in the Tory press, to speculate on her influence is a tahoo subject. She is annointed as more fragrant than Mrs Bottomley and only less saintly than Mother Theresa. Michael Cendrowicz. Avenue Albert Elisabeth 36,

ETER HITCHENS cannot be allowed to get away with his absurd sterotyping of Guardian readers. As a beerswilling, meat-munching, 61year-old ex-serviceman with a
passionate belief in the capabilities of the nuclear deter
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ETER Hitchens, of the Daily Express, (In defence of Cherie picking, Letters, March 9) goes to is now an orchestrated camento the Daily Express, (In defence of Cherie picking, Letters, March 9) goes to is now an orchestrated camence to the Daily Express, which leans so far right as to make the Leaning Tower of Pisa appear vertical. I gave up reading pornographic comics many years ago, Mr Hitchens should try it. J R Stephens. 53 Wood Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT19 6JH.

WITH REGARD to his membership of the In-ternatinal Socialists, Peter Hitchens reveals that he has changed his mind rather than his image. How true. He is clearly still trying to flog a crap newspaper.

L A McCausland. 7D West Quay, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 3HL.

F EVERY Guardian reader telephoned Peter Hitchens on Freephone 0800 376 8000 ext 7467 and asked after his health, or just said "Hello", it would cost the Expess £500,000. I only write to say you're not to do this. It's silly.

Freedom now

DETER PRESTON had some

be aware of it but the "vision

thing" has existed in Western

society ever since Schiller set the agenda for "realising the human in humanity." Carlyle

said it would take 200 years. What is distinctively human

of course, is our inter-depen-

dence, or our "mature depen-dence on each other", if you

prefer the term used by psy-

choanalysts of the human rela-

tions school. This is not to dis-

pute the fact that modern

viduals, with violence between individuals and between indi-

But, in the post-modern age,

individuation, not individual-ism, is the term which denotes

most precisely what we are

about Freedom is no longer freedom from relation; free-

dom now is freedom through organised relation. Connect, only connect — that is human-

ity's response to the challenges

vidual nations.

history has been made by indi-

legitimately cynical fun at the expense of the "vision thing" (March 8). He may not

business to be left to sheep

As A bio-medical scientist, I find myself deeply dismayed by your ill-informed coverage of the sheep-cloning story (March 7 and 8).

If society wishes to find cures for most of the major diseases of the world, then the progress. In order to deduce how genes work, and what eifects they have on the behav-iour of cells, on the growth of animals and plants, and on the development of disease, we have to be able to find genes in cells, alter them in the lab. and put them back into cells to see what the effects are of those alterations.

The rapid progress which is now being made in under-standing the nature of cancer

these issues but it is vital that it is well-informed. If Pasteur and Fleming had had similar public receptions to that which much current science endures it is likely that anti-blotics may never have been (Dr) David Corcoran.

gainers from this research are clearly the profit-seeking farming and pharmaceutical ability to examine the roles of genes, and the proteins which they encode, is essential for animals which carry more animals which carry more "lean meat" and less fat and are more resistant to disease. Yet ewes are already strugsured to produce not one but as many as five lambs, and to give birth as early as December. Surely, creating ewes with less protective fat can only diminish their chances of survival — already 4 million leads 4 millio lion lambs (15-20 per cent of the total born) die every year within a few days of birth. is almost entirely dependent on this technology.

It is important that there should be public debate on cal lambs, two died at birth and a third at 10 days, another example of the high fail-

ure rates of genetic research in animals, which runs as high as 90 per cent. Becky Smith. Campaigns Officer. Animal Aid. The Old Chapel. Tonbridge. Kent TN9 1AW.

A Country Diary

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CLEY, NORFOLK: The nature | waders, and together these place in the history of British conservation. The site was originally purchased by a group of pioneer environmentalists in 1926, who went on to form a body for its manage-ment, known as the Norfolk Naturalists Trust. Over the vears, this organisation was replicated in other counties and eventually gave rise to the whole network of county wildlife trusts. Cley was, in a sense then, the seed for this nationwide movement. However, its importance is more than merely symbolic. On the north Norfolk coast which, in its entirety, is a biosphere reserve, a Ramsar site and considered one of the most natural in Europe, Cley stands out. The reserve's 400 acres are amongst the most hallowed ornithological turf in the country with important breeding populations of rar-ities such as avocet, bearded tit, marsh harrier and bittern. It is also a magnet for winter-ing wildfowl and migrating

100,000 visitors annually. It is the environmental jewel in 70th anniversary should have it opened with a flood In early February the combinatides and northerly winds en-abled the sea to breach the shingle banks that protect this vulnerable coastline. The additional earth banks on either side of the reserve intended as further defence measures, were also breached and then simply acted like the sides of a bucket as the site filled up with five metres of sea water. As if this wasn't bad enough, the trust had just finished a major new complex of boardwalks and hides to be ready for the forthcoming celdig again into its hard won resources and launch a crisis appeal to turn round as quickly as possible the £50,000

worth of damage.

MARE COCKER

Netting those Spanish fishermen

N THE hullabaloo over the | no cost, and with no fear of European Court's fishing ruling (British fury at fish defeat, March 6) little has been said about what could be done right now to stop the quota hoppers. At the moment, boats flying a UK flag of conve-nience have a choice. Either they must land half their catch in Britain, or they must visit one of our ports at least four times every six months. But why offer the choice? Make it compulsory to do both and you would immediately force a drastic cut by making many trips uneconomic. It would also allow us to make careful checks on many more

of their catches. Best of all, it is a change

falling foul of Euro-law - it merely concerns licence conditions, not legislation. Robin Teverson MEP. European Parliament Fisheries Committee, Newton Farm. Metherell, Callington, Cornwall PL17 8DQ.

WHY do British fishermen not register their vessels in Spain and thus become en-titled to use the Spanish fish quota? If the Spanish do not permit such registration, pre-sumably the British could also refuse registration to the Spanish ships. Eric Henley. 11 Ravenscourt Road, that could be made at once, at | Derby DE22 4DL.

presented by globalisation.
Drummond Hunter.
Chairman, Scottish Institute of Human Relations, 17 Warrington Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 5LB.

_abour's future belongs to its wives

Endpiece

Roy Hattersley

does not seem to bring wisdom. Some geriatric remnants of discredited governments have still not realised the reason for their failure. The fuss that they have caused about Michael Barber's decision to send his daughter to a fee-paying school typifies their ignorance of modern politics. The fact that Professor Barber advises the Labour leadership on how to re-organise state education is totally irrelevant to the hard-headed analysis that brings victory.

He has once again demonstrated that the Opposition is no longer preocuppied by the problems of the disadvantaged — a handicap which, almost unbelievably, the Labour

they understand of the real world. The opinion polls do not even ask, "Which party do you think is most likely to apply its principles in practice?"

A close textural examina-tion of Professor Barber's explanation for his decision to go private demonstrates how important his services will be to a New Labour government. It is such a classic example of the genre that it deserves to be quoted verbatim. "Essentially, the issue is that my wife Karen and I don't

necessarily agree about educa-tion and politics. I respect her views. Having taken the decision as a family, I must take responsibility for it ... my wife has not been impressed by the education received by one of our older daughters at a during several public rela-London comprehensive

Despite the undoubted talents of its members, the New Party once accepted with misplaced pride. The way in into all sorts of trouble— no more ingenious explanation than the insistence that to Whitshall to avert a sterling ics have hawked their coning. A man in Downing Street, his nominee was the best man into the insistence of the information than the insistence that to Whitshall to avert a sterling overnight.

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newspapers, "It's my wife's don't necessarily agree about fault. Don't blame me," he the best way to represent Britmight have been regarded as a ain abroad. I respect her might have been regarded as a touch unchivalrous. By adding the bit about "taking responsibility" he managed to responsibility for it ... my wife has not been impressed the fact that other children step clear of personal blame and at the same time, seem to cherish Mrs Barber, despite the folly which, he made clear, was her responsibility. Talent like that must not be wasted.

When victory comes, the govermment will, no doubt, palpably-reasonable-man's apply the Barber general theory of crisis management to all sorts of problems. Looking back, there is no doubt that his exact solution could have been used with advantages, almost word for word, tions disasters 20 years ago. When attacked because his son-in-law had been appointed ambassador to Washington,

sciences through the popular | who can invent compelling ex-press demonstrates how little | cuses, may well make the dif-not take a leaf out of Professor | tional confidence by admitting | problems of office is conference between one and two terms of office. If Professor Easentially, the issue is that I go home and worm the

by the fact that other children have not had the advantage of marriage to a member of the diplomatic service." That explanation would

have captured for Labour the vote, the caring father's vote, the henpecked husband's vote and (most important) the wehave-always-wanted-ourdaughter-to-meet-the-Queen vote. But, in his old-fashioned way, Jim Callaghan thought of none of those things.

have given a similarly pru-dent reply when he was caught by journalists at

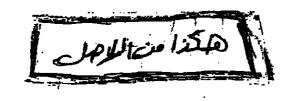
tional confidence by admitting cat". The animal-loving vote would have been thus secured. I was so impressed by Professor Barber's ingenuity that I took some trouble to exam-

ine his recent writing. What I discovered convinced me that, as well as being desperately needed to construct plausible explanations, he will be immensely helpful in times of future difficulty with the crucial task of preserving the new prime minister's high morale. Undoubtedly, Peter Mandelson will devote much of his multifarious talent to boosting

the leader's confidence. But he will certainly welcome the help of a man who can write, "I am sure that in 1996, Blair will be reaching out to the pro-Denis Healey might easily fession, seeking its commitment to the crusade he's committed to leading if Labour wins the approaching elec-tion." No doubt teachers' fears

problems of office is con-firmed by the job he does — Professor of New Initiatives. In the boring old days, profes sors had chairs in boring old subjects like mathematics, natural sciences, law, philoso-phy and English. There were even professors of history an intrinsically disloyal subject, since it implies that something of interest happened in the world before the summer of 1994. But New Initlatives — that is a subject of the future, tomorrow's discipline, a study for the brave new world.

So enough of the politics of about by the failures who have grown so used to defeat that they no longer have the will to win. The world belongs to the Professor Barbers trade unionists-turned-academic advisers both to government and opposition and experts in subjects with names that sound as if they wing Heathrow as he cancelled a tion." No doubt teachers' fears their way via the internet foreign trip and hurried back of dismissal evaporated along the information superhighway. Or perhaps it be-



Kathy Evans

S THE aircraft began its descent over Tebran city towards the airport, I could feel the knot in my stomach tighten ing. Twelve years ago I had left Tehran airport in handcuffs, escorted to the plane by six unshaven men in rumpled suits, Iranian officials who chose not to iden-tify themselves or the de-

partment they worked for. I had been taken into cus-tody as soon as I arrived, despite the fact that I held a visa granted by the Islamic Guidance Ministry, which supervises foreign journalists. I had been yanked out of the passport line by what I thought was a welcoming committee. It was,

but of the unfriendly kind. The next 10 days were spent in daily visits to a police station and the everpresent fear of transfer to ehran's revolutionary chamber of horrors. Evin. A with was to spend the next five years in jail; I was deported back to my home in Dubai. Nobody eyer told me what my "crime" was. Since then, Iranian em-

bassy officials abroad have continually told me over the years that Iran has changed. Last week I began to believe them; as I passed through immigration and customs it was smiles not scowls which greeted in-

coming passengers.
On the streets of the city. the signs of the new liberal atmosphere are everywhere. The government's obsession with women's hair and clothes still contin ues, but in the upper class areas of north Tehran, lipstick and eye-liner are back in a big way. Headscarves, the main political sensor, are now worn well back on the head over huge bouffant hairdos. Twelve years ago, this was a town which jailed you for a stray wisp of hair or wearing the wrong colour socks.

Most Tehran residents tell you nothing has changed. But in the ministries, the new liberal atmosphere is clear. Officials now admit not everyone likes their system. Iran, I began to believe really has

RANIAN writers dis-agree. According to their union, freedom of ex-pression in the political area, let alone the creative field, still has a long way to go. One leading commentator, Abbas Marufi is pres-ently waiting to see if a sentence of flogging and imprisonment is going to be carried out for his sin of religious leadership with

that of the late Shah. In the Islamic Guidance Ministry, some 700 novels are said to be stacked up. awaiting the approval which will never come. In the past four months no work of literature has been published at all. We are writing books to be put in drawers, one woman writer

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Film-makers tell the same story. Each year, the ministry throws out nearly 400 scripts, rejected on the grounds that their themes are unfit for public consumption. The stalemate on cultural issues comes just as Iran has scored its biggest success overseas with the Oscar nomination for Jaafer Panahi's film tells the story of a small girl who wants to buy a pet goldfish to mark the start of the Iranian new year. Back home though, the film's success has irked some film producers. The simplicity of the theme, they say, is typical of the kind of films which pass scrutiny. Complicated themes on human relationships, or films which show women as individuals, not simply as mothers and wives, are banned, said Bahram Bazaie, one of Iran's leading film directors. Bazaie has had three films hanned in the past five

Last week Iran held its own Oscar ceremony to mark the end of its annual film festival. There was little glamour around — most of the audience consisted of unshaven men. "We don't encourage the star system,' said a cultural adviser to the country's largest studio. "And glamour is definitely out." Sitting talking to him in a tightly knotted head scarf, a long overcoat, leggings and black stockings. I could see his point. More liberal Iran might be, but as a woman I can't wait to get on that aircraft out.



If age won't wither them, ageism will

Commentary

Mark Lawson

ET me offer you - to borrow a concept from Have I Got News For You? — photographs of five people who were in the news last week. They are: Senator Bob Dole, Rick Parfitt of Status Quo, Paul McCart-ney of the Beatles, the theatre director Trevor Nunn, and the footballer Robbie Fowler. Who is the odd one out?

All right, time's up. The answer is Robbie Fowler. The reason is that Dole, Parfitt, McCartney and Nunn were all criticised last week for being too old. Conversely. Robbie Fowler was accused of being too young. The continu-ing omission of the prolific Liverpool goalscorer from the England side was attributed to his still being only 20. Even a cursory inspection of culture reveals that birth-

dates matter deeply. The only possible explanation for the fact that media reports in Britain and America rou-

being invited to make a moral judgment based on the num-ber of years that the person involved has on the clock. This is not necessarily a matter of prejudice. It is sociologically useful to know if a criminal is 15 or a victim 96: it helps us to know where crime is going. A speech by a 36-year-old backbencher and a 66-year-old MP, even if identically phrased and received, have quite different meanings

what is most startling about Bob Dole's advance towards the Republican presidential nomination is that we bave been told for so long that modern culture favours the young: that "ageism" has replaced sexism and racism as acceptable bigotry. And yet a political party which is hungry for power is currently proposing, for the most ex-hausting job in world politics, a 72-year-old with one useless arm and a history of prostate cancer. President Kennedy's inaugural address famously declared that "today the torch has passed to a new genera-tion of Americans". Presumably President Dole's would begin: "Please can we have our torch back?"

But age, in politics, is a complicated calculation. His-torically, modern electorates

tinely state the age of all | have been happiest — or, at named is that consumers are | least, parties have been keenest to offer them -- candidates who, were they mere citizens, would be beginning to edge or to be edged towards retirement. The average age of the 10 post-war British prime ministers on the day they kissed hands with the Queen is 58.7, with a high of Chur-chill (77) and a low of Wilson (48). The average age of the 10 post-war American presidents at the hour of their first oath of office is 56.6, with a high of Reagan (69) and a low of Kennedy (43). Both of these means are threatened by the forthcoming elections, which, in Blair and Dole, offer the possibility of Britain's youn-gest leader of modern times and America's oldest shaking

> Commonsense and history, though, are surely against Dole. The most recent world leaders to serve into their late seventies — Ronald Reagan and François Mitterrand — are now known to have been suffering from Alzheimer's Disease and prostate cancer respectively while at their desks. Also, one of the reasons that modern leader-ship is so demanding is the threat to medical and pension provision which is posed by an ageing population and one in which, in many industries, there is an unofficial retire-

hands some time in 1997.

ment or redundancy age of around 45. The crisis of the modern worker is the need to build up, in a shorter working life, a longer pension. These are the kind of economic wor-ries to take at least five years off a leader's age, so you want one who can afford to lose them. The statistics above show that politics regards late middle age as a perfect plateau between impetuosity and crankiness. Sport normally sees the early 20s as the be-ginning of wisdom, although Australian and sub-continental cricket willingly bloods players at 18, which England never would. Pop music — as Status Quo and the Beatles have just found out - is uncomfortable with the concept of rockers in their fifth and sixth decades. Young bands used to sing that they hoped they died before they got old, and Radio 1 clearly wishes they had kept the promise.

Status Quo plan legal action against the station. But what they have perhaps failed to realise is that modern pop music offers a fine example o how generational shifts can be accommodated. In the early decades of the form, it was generally assumed that, by the age of 40, performers would retire and consumers eraduate to classical mustc or Radio 2 instead of Radio 1.

N FACT, pop music has become a perfect illustra-tion of the power of the socalled "grey pound". Middle-aged punters have proved happy, from nostalgia and psychological decay-de-laying, to buy and watch music by ageing rockers. A web of greatest hits compila-tions and retro radio stations has grown up to serve them. Last week, Saga, master of va-cations for the superannu-ated, anounced plans for Saga Radio. Nobody's telling Status

trade, but targeting of trade. Trevor Nunn, 56, was reporweek. But the RNT itself had, perhaps unwisely, trumpeted in its press release that he had not been about the first press release that he had once been the "younges ever artistic director of the RSC." A man's attitude to age, though, obviously depends heavily on his relative position between the cradle and the grave. Trevor Nunn's 56 years

have seemed a lot to some journalistic observers, but perhaps weighed less heavily with Sir Michael Palliser (73), Michael Codron (65), Dipak Nandy (60), Tom Stoppard (58) and Michael Oliver (58), the members of the committee which recruited him. My own view is that Trevor Nunn is clearly no Bob Dole, but that it is a brutal fact that, in the arts, a person's very best work tends to have been done between the ages of 30 and 50. There are grace notes in late work, it is true, but the career of almost any writer, film or theatre director or artist will turn out to obey this rule.

Nature itself openly favours youth. An eminent geneticist told me that in a biologically ideal world, males would freeze samples of their sperm at 16 (the seed is at its purest and least likely to create defective embryos at the stage between starting in shaye and between starting to shave and learning to drive) and retrieve them later for procre-ation. Nature, I think, would not vote for Bob Dole or listen to Status Quo. Oh, and before anyone

writes to ask, the answer is 33. Older readers may con-clude that I will grow out of these views.

Quo to get out; they're telling them to move over. Radio 1's decision is not restraint of tedly shocked by the media references to his age when he was appointed to run the Royal National Theatre last week But the DWN Markets



Paul Foot

ISERABLE Monday. Tonight's episode is the last in the BBC2 drama series Our Friends In The North, which has absorbed me more completely than anything else in 30 years' telly-watching. Even the Daily Mail gives the series a rare four stars, though its reviewers com-plain on behalf of "those of us who don't see the dilemmas of socialism as altogether cen-

tral to life". As someone who does see socialism as altogether cen-tral to life, I've been puzzling about the political theme of the series, which is, I think, something like this. People in the North East of England. like people everywhere, are expected to work hard all their lives for next to nothing. The full fruits of their labour, to exhume an unfashionable phrase, are swiped by a rich and powerful minority who use their wealth and power

singlemindedly to increase both. The exploited understand this very well, and look for change. The most obvious instrument of change in Britain this century has been the Labour Party. The chances of real change through the Labour Party is the central preoccupation of Our Friends

The story starts in the days of hope in the 1960s. The leader of Newcastle council and chairman of the North East Planning Board (T Dan Smith in real life), is bril-liantly portrayed in the series not just as a wheeler-dealer but also as an idealist and wit. He genuinely believed that he could, as an elected support of an elected Labour government, re-build his city and re-house its exploited people. He soon discovered that he needed the help of the rich and powerful, so he teamed up with a corrupt Tory builder (in real life this man's name was Poulson) wit, but plenty of money and venal friends in high places. Our Friends In The North

picks out two Labour reactions. One of the four friends turns furiously to the left, on the protouting afti-revolutionary structure of the Labour Party. He is savaged by the media, by the dirty tricks department of the Tory Another, more solid reac- about unemployment.

tion, comes from more dependable Old Labour. A council stalwart loosely based on the former Labour MP for Labour candidature because he opposes the "Smith/Poulson" corruption. He stands as "independent Labour" and is triumphantly elected. He in-tends to "set a light" to Tory sleaze by exposing a corrupt ring of parliamentary lobby ists. but is forced to abandon his project when he discovers that they have infiltrated his

own office.

Another side of Old Labour is portrayed by Mary, steady, principled and determined, who becomes council leader and is forced by powers beyond her control to slash the very services she went into politics to expand. I have no idea what happens in tonight's instalment, but I guess that Old Labour, which promised to try to change the world and failed, will be replaced by New Labour,

which has stopped promising. All this is summed up by Geordie, who ends up as a drunken tramp, and sets his hostel bed alight. When asked who told him to do such a terrible thing, he replies "The Labour Party", then adds: "I think that's why they lost the election again. They ask people to do dan things ... They want to seize the power but they can't."

The series throws down a challenge to these who he

challenge to those who be-lieve that a cruel and greedy economic system can be im-proved by a handful of wellmeaning people who make their way to the top and try to change it from there. It is the old story of reformers who go to Parliament to change the world and end up changing only themselves.

But there is nothing stale, pessimistic or even disillu-sioning about it. It is a political drama; but its stage is not the House of Commons nor the council chamber, but the council flat, the old people's home, the poverty-stricken, desperate inner cities of Thatcher's and Major's Brit-ain. The people there, unlike their representatives, are real; and from them, despite all the despairs and defeats of the 1980s and 1990s, there emerges a lingering, powerful hope that the Great People Robbery won't be tolerated for too much longer.

OT everyone under ket crash in the United States, so can I explain? It's because too many people have jobs. Disturbing figures from the US Commerce Department show a fall in unemployment becomes a Parliamentary from 5.5 per cent to 5.3 per Labour candidate and tries to cent. and, even worse, that graft his revolutionary ideas 705,000 new jobs were created on to the profoundly anti-review in February. "Many economists believe that this is dangerously close to full employment," says the International Herald Tribune. Please cut Party and M15, and finally by the voters. He retires into journalistic celebrity. this sentence out and quote it next time you hear Tories say-ing how concerned they are

John Grieve Smith believes that introducing a pay policy will be Labour's greatest challenge and, below, Andrew Glyn wonders if taxation is the big issue

Coming in on the money

sterling beissue which is in danger of similar treatment — pay policy. Or at least it was, until Peter Mandelson and Roger ment to damp down wage in-Liddle, in their recent book
The Blair Revolution, raised the question in a guarded way.

Creases. This approach, combined with deregulation of the labour market, has created an Two modern prime minis-ters — Ted Heath and James appalling toll not just in un-employment but in insecurity, Callaghan — have come to grief trying to implement incomes policies. But these two dramatic crises need to be seen in the perspective of the success of incomes policy in helping to combine full em-

employment.
Since the abandonment of

incomes policy, the prescrip-tion for tackling inflation has

appalling toll not just in uncasualisation and low pay. Labour must embrace a radically different approach. This

HEN Harold intolerable political strains the trade unions should not Wilson took has obscured the successful exploit their enhanced bar-Wilson took has obscured the successful exploit their enhanced bar-office in 1964 a achievement of pay restraint gaining strength. Today the devaluation of in the period of full fall in union membership and likely that they would rise sharply if demand increased substantially. The time to face this problem is before such strains develop. We should

Any government has to have a public sector pay policy and this is bound to have involves not only more expansionary budgetary and monetary policies and measures to duction of a national ministrong to combine full employment with low inflation in the first 25 years or so after that the industrial policy in the first 25 years or so after that the industrial policy policy. The first will arise in the public sector, encompassing the present pay review body. policy. The first will arise in setting the initial level and the bodies and the proposed mini-

that the percentage increase in the minimum wage each year is bound to have some impact on the "going rate" in the pay round.

A forum is needed where

the government, the TUC and the CBI can discuss economic strategy. Such a forum should discuss the general level of pay increases each year in the pay increases each year and context of the proposed medium-term strategy and annual economic ass gaining strength. Today the fall in union membership and trend towards decentralised. These should include guidbargaining has made wages in | ance on the circumstances in many cases more sensitive to which substantial deviations market forces, making it more from the going-rate could be justified. Such guidance would make clear to employers and workers, in firms or industries where productivity is increasing faster than averlook for a long-term solution. age, that part of these gains not short-term emergency must be passed on in lower prices rather than higher wages, if people working in sectors like health or education are to enjoy any gains.

There is a case for setting up a new advisory body to monitor and influence pay new advisory body to monitor and influence pay new advisory body.

watered down by any general most difficult question is that attempt to maintain existing of deciding what should be differentials. The second is done about parties that threaten to make proposals or reach settlements that blatantly breach the agreed guidelines. Statutory enforcement is clearly out of tune with present thinking. The procedure which has received little attention in recent years is arbitration. A revival of its use, with arbitrators bound to take into account national guidelines, opens up two pos-sibilities. The first is a flexible means of dealing with difficult situations as far as pay policy is concerned. The second is a conscious attempt to mee public concern over industrial disputes — particularly in the public sector, which is where the political perils of trying to implement a pay policy are

most acute.

It may be tempting for Labour's policy-makers to take the cynical view that the political risks of grasping the pointain risks of grasping the pay nettle are greater than those of accepting a continued high level of unemployment, alleviated by well publicised measures to help the young or long-term unemployed. But the term unemployed. But the issue cannot be evaded in this way if a Labour governinroads into unemployment.

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enhance the long-term growth of the economy. We can cer-tainly hope that improved eco-nomic performance by the private sector would les increase in the share of tax needed and make it easier to absorb. But the cumulative problems arising from the years of squeeze cannot be tackled with the urgency and priority they demand whilst awaiting hoped-for improve ments in economic perfor mance. A substantial rise in public expenditure must be budgeted to lead rather than follow, the process of recovery. Only taxation can provide the finance. The UK is now a relatively low-tax economy. But all those reliant in one way or another on public spending are paying the cost. Of course everything cannot be done at once. But the debate should focus on where the most pressing needs for higher public spending lie and how the necessary rise in taxation can be equitably allocated.

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extraordinary inflationary including pay bargaining. setting the initial level and the bodies and the proposed mmporessures of the 1970s led to In the past this meant that need to avoid its impact being mum wage commission. The The real costs of public spending

NCE 1979 the propor-Stion of people living in households with less to pay for increases in public than half the average income has more than doubled. Public will be expected to reverse achieved without higher 1979. taxation?

The Conservative onslaught on public spending has in-cluded two important features: It has linked pensions and other benefits to inflation rather than earnings. The consequent decline in the relative value of benefits now "saves" over £30 billion, whilst contributing to the unperalleled rise in inequality: • It has held down pay in the public sector. This has helped to restrain the relative cost of

spending elsewhere; for exam-ple the deteriorating labour services have been squeezed, market has doubled numbers jeopardising their quality. An incoming Labour government ation in gross national these trends. Can this be some 2 per cent higher than in

public finances can be rescued by faster growth. However, two senses of faster growth have to be distinguished. Faster growth in the short term, based on increasing employment, reduces government spending on the unemployed and raises the tax base. It thus provides additional resources without the need to raise tax rates. But this de-pends on expension being led by the private sector. If the public services whilst adding to the difficulties in maintaining their quality.

weakness of the private sector productivity. Employing more teachers, for example, to take the lead, then the conservation of the private sector productivity. Employing more and education, to reduce poverty and unemployment and to at Corpus Christi College, Oxford

However these and other | quent rise in tax revenues will | can no more be "financed out conomies have had to be used | be insufficient. | | can no more be "financed out of growth" than paying for In the longer-term, if supplyside measures succeeded in raising the underlying growth

rate of productivity, could this finance an expansion of public ation in gross national services without the need for product, at 36 per cent, is now higher taxation? Such a "growth dividend" is largely illusory. Faster growth does It is often suggested that the not automatically provide the resources for benefits to make up the ground already lost in relation to average earnings; to fund such a catch-up the share of taxation has to rise. Moreover much of the rest of public spending goes to pay the wages of those who pro-vide the services. Unless their relative position is to decline continuously, their earnings (and thus the cost to society) will go up in real terms in line with the economy's average productivity. Employing more

that growth.

Faster productivity growth would not prevent average levels of taxation having to be raised. This may be easier politically when real earnings are growing faster. Growth of real incomes will push people up what is still a mildly progressive tax system, so perhaps tax rates would not have to be increased. But the average proportion of income taken by taxation must rise. There are no policies available (let alone cheap ones) that can dependably and rapidly launch the private sector into a sustainable path of faster growth. Extra public expenditure is urgently required to

more pensioners, unless it is envisaged that teachers or pensioners should not share in



The entertainer . . . George Burns's tenacity, stemming from a tough childhood vaudeville training, endeared him to audiences for more than 10 decades

Laugh of longevity

very old in-deed — since 1975 he based much of his stand-up material around his as something of a surprise to realise that the celebrated comedian, who has died aged 100, within hailing distance of the next century made his first appearance before the public in 1903, within hailing distance of the previous one.

An instinctive feeling for what was funniest, wonderful timing — that deadpan stare behind the long cigar — and perhaps, above all, the courage and tenacity that stemmed from a tough child-hood vaudeville training, con-tributed to his success and endeared him to the public over so many years.

But Burns was the first to admit, and indeed boast, that luck played a big part in his career. "First of all you've got to have talent," he once said. "Then you've got to marry ter." And the talent he referred to was, of course, the brilliant and unusual Gracie Allen. "With Gracie I had the easiest job of any straight man in history," he said, self-deprecatingly. "I only had to know two lines — 'How's your brother?" and 'Your brother did what?"

There was, naturally, a lot more to it that that. He also said, more realistically (in 1968 a period between Gracie's death and his solo comeback): "We did an act called 'sixty-four'. Nobody knew what that meant, but I did — Gracie was 60 per cent of the act and I was 40 per

cent."
Nathan Birnbaum was born into a New York vaudeville family of 12 children and started singing with the Pee Wee Quintet at the age of seven. By the time he was in his teens he was a full-time | told me to stop is dead. At pro: "I did anything to stay in | my age, to be able to get

knew show business," he said. "If I mate skill of her husband had to be a single, I'd do a single. If I had to be a two-act. I'd do a two act. If I had to since work with a seal, I'd work with a seal. I wanted to stay in the business."

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He continued in this way for some years, and in 1923 met and teamed up with Gracie Allen, the daughter of a San Francisco show business family. Initially, he was the comic and she the "straightman".

and cute, and they laughed at her straight lines — and they didn't laugh at my jokes. I knew right away that there was a feeling of something between the audience and Gracie. They loved her and, not being a fool and wanting to smoke cigars for the rest of my life, I gave her the jokes. jokes and make people believe them — no matter how mad the jokes were, when Gracie told them you would believe that they were true."
Oddly, the great Gracie
Allen had almost no interest

GRACIE: "Offstage, I used

wake me at 3am and say,

to make Gracle laugh. She'd

'George, I can't sleep, make

me laugh.' So I'd make love

to her - and she laughed."

AGE: "Age to me means

nothing. I can't get old, I'm

CIGARS: "I smoke 15 clg-

ars a day. The doctor who

George Burns on . . .

ute, Gracie, I want to ask you something, and if you forgot your line, she would go right into the dressing room and take off her make-up. She radio. The radio shows (at their height 47 million people tuned in) continued until in a distracted, little-girl 1949, and the following year

"Even her straight lines got laughs." Burns remarked. "She had a very funny delivery. Very sharp and quick read was excellent—the familia material was excellent --- the familia cigar was now used unlit as a device he pretended to smoke while using the vital seconds to regain his breath

> about her family, and Show ran until Gracie retired George's questions were designed to bring some sense to attack in 1965. signed to bring some sense to the proceedings. But, of course, they only served to send Gracie off down some fantastical new byway. Their technique was impeccable, their appeal irresistible, and they always finished the act

your cigar into its holder is

GOD: "Why shouldn't I play

God? Anything I do at my

HIS CENTENARY: "What

do you give a man who's

been so blessed? Another

DEATH: "I don't believe in

100 years? A night with

dying — it's been done.'

age is a miracle.'

Sharon Stone?

voice, Gracie told rambling they switched to television inconsequential anecdotes where The Burns And Allen

Big Broadcast. Three more full-length films followed, and many shorts, but by 1933 they

had found the ideal metier for their surreal intimacies —

in show business offstage. She never told jokes or talked about touring or lighting or the box-office. The consum-sufferingly: "Say goodnight started with Gracie and for the next 38 years they only got better. But everything has the box-office. The consum-sufferingly: "Say goodnight a price. It still doesn't seem



Old boys act . . . Burns with Matthau in The Sunshine Boys

Gracie." Gracie (brightly): right that she went so young, agrees not to use the word.

"Goodnight Gracie." and that I've been given so Then, in the dressing room, many years to spend without the their first film, The Gracie was an act you him with a pitying stare,

many years to spend without her." He never remarried. Gracie was an act you couldn't follow.

After Gracie's death George Burns took on the role of raconteur, telling funny stories, punctuated by a puff or a tap on his cigar, on TV and in nightclubs and by the late sixties had concentrated.

Matthau says something spectacularly dim. Burns fixes him with a pitying stare, takes a stick of greasepaint and slowly writes on the mirror "P-U-T-Z". It was a wonderful sequence, and Burns fully deserved the Academy Award he received for it at late sixties had concentrated. late sixties had concentrated on TV production. The amazing Indian summer comeback (the Oh God! series, for examthat brought him before a generation perhaps only dimly aware of Gracie Allen, and led to his becoming one of Burns devoted much of his the world's best-loved enterlater years to occasional containers, came in the mid-seventies when Jack Benny (a) age of 98 he was still making contemporary and dearly-loved friend of Burns) died made sure that his material and a replacement was (mostly one-liners) was excel-needed to play opposite Wallent — the familiar cigar was ter Matthau in the movie ver- now used unlit as a device he

sion of Neil Simon's The Sun-shine Boys. The role of the ancient but pretended to smoke while using the vital seconds to regain his breath. Burns was totally serene straight man, coming out from retirement also the author or co-author of a number of witty and for one last get-together with his shambling, irascible for-mer partner, seemed heaven-sent for him, and all the magsuccessful books including a memoir, Gracie: A Love Story 100th birthday shows to be held in Las Vegas and at the London Palladium, but after a nificent timing was still there. Through the early part of the film Matthau confall in 1994 his health declined and the shows were cancelled. stantly berates Burns for call-ing him a "putz". Burns

Burns, suffering from flu, was unable to attend a gala in his honour held a few days before his 100th birthday. George Burns's career on the popular stage stands unri-valled — he charmed the pub-lic during 10 decades. He was half of one of the greatest double acts, he never gave less than full value, and he was so very old when he died that we can say cheerfully, and with no more than a tinge of sadness: "Goodnight, George."

Stephen Dixon

George Burns, comedian, born

Preparations were made for

Daniel Cunningham

Breathtaking experiments

ANIEL Cunningham. who has died aged 76. was a medical academic who turned to human physiology as his pria "black box" quantitative de-scription of the respiratory control system in man.

His work was progressively modified, as underlying phys-iological mechanisms were revealed in experiments by other scientists on lower animals. He took pride in his belief that man was the appropriate "organism" for his priate "organism" for his studies. Dan's work continued in the tradition of the human physiology "school". focussing on respiratory and metabolic studies, which was founded by JS Haldane

veloped a means of studying breathing with controlled val-ues of the carbon dioxide (CO₂) pressure within the lung — an approximation to the pressure of CO₂ prevailing in the arterial blood. This feat, made possible by

the construction of a home-made CO₂ analyser, permitted the determination of the amount of breathing of a hypoxic mixture or air, with and without rises in body tem-perature, and with and without changes in blood acidity
-- all in relation to a con-

trolled CO₂ pressure.

The extraordinary instability in the breathing of air with the lung CO₂ pressure at a threshold value was also documented. The results of these studies allowed Dan and Brian Lloyd to develop equations applicable to normal man at rest that described the quantitative relationship be-tween the amount of breathtween the amount of breathing, the lung CO₂ and O₂ pressures, and the acidity of the blood. These equations provided a yardstick by which breathing during exercise could be compared with values found in resting man.

The underlying mechanisms of the ventilatory increase with exercise particularly intrigued Dan and ties he hosted the first international conference on Exer-cise and Ventilation at

Dan Cunningham's research was not confined to studies in breathing. His earliest research had taken place immediately after the second | 21, 1919; died February 26, 1996

Douglas Adams, author, 44;

world war within two years of medical qualification

While leading a nutritional survey team in Germany he was able to demonstrate that mary interest, focusing on the control of breathing. He will be remembered for having plasma protein concentrations and the swelling seen with hunger was not associated with low plasma protein concentrations. made major contributions to tions, but was associated with the passing of large volumes of urine during the night. The intriguing findings were never published because the British authorities, inexplicably, destroyed the data. Later in his career, in 1908.

> control by cardiovoscular reflexes during exercise. The results contributed to an understanding of why the heart rate rises with exercise. Dan Cunningham was born in Kansali. India into a family

founded by JS Haldane within the Oxford Laboratory of Physiology, and continued by CG Douglas — Dan's senior colleague for the first three years of his academic career.

Together with Brian Lloyd and some remarkable undergraduate students (including Roger Bannister — the first four-minute miler). Dan developed a means of studying to him taking the Edinburgh clinical course; he graduated MB, ChB in 1943. Joining the RAMC and the 3rd Para Brigade ensured that he had a turbulent war; he was "dropped" on D-day.

Oxford in 1946 with the rank of major, he obtained a First Class ETURNING Honours in Physiology by 1947, after which he was elected to the Radcliffe Medical Fellowship of University College. He remained a Fel-low till 1987; he had by then become Senior Fellow and Vice-Master. He always remained a devoted under-graduate teacher, retaining for this purpose a broad com-petence in much of physiol-ogy. Oxford had awarded him a DSc in 1968, but his university status never rose above senior lecturer, much to the dismay of his many admirers. Dan had a close and loving relationship with his wife Ju-dith. She was a professional

violinist and he revelled in her playing. At home he was a vigorous and humane debater with political views just to the left of centre. He was a devoted family man who ob-tained immense pleasure from the successes of his daughter, Dr Jane Cunningham, an art historian, and his son Dr John Cunningham, a consultant physician.

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nell, founder, Centre for the History of the Fine and Decorative Arts. 76; Terry Setch. painter. 60; Ian Smith. crick-eter, 29; Sir Keith Speed. Conservative MP, 62; Ron Todd, trades unionist, 59; Sir-Peter Walters, chairman. Blue Circle Industries, 65: Lord Wilberforce, former Lord of Appeal, 89: Tony Wright Labour MP. 48: Alan Yentob, controller, BBC 1, 49.

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Big bang

MEGACULTURE is odd. Economics does not really explain it. During the 1980s there was money for extravaganzas; cash is tighter now, and yet big scale is still in. Size is thought to be a selling point in a crowded cultural marketplace. But it is not obvious why "the best and biggest" should appeal more than "the best"

Perhaps it was coincidence that several things in art and books got bigger at the same time. Various supply-side factors were at work. Take biography. For contemporary subjects, a biographer's sources are fuller and time

has not filtered out trivia. And as with any book, it is generally easier to write long than short. Editing a manuscript down takes time and money. Few publishers bother with text editing as they once did. So do unpruned books grow. In the visual arts, a growth in gallery space in Europe encouraged new room-filling conceptual and installation art. For record companies, boxed CDs are a golden money-spinner: they take lit-

tle new investment beyond the packaging, and sell well, though it is hard to know how often musicians will listen, for example, to all of Philips's Mozart Collection — 180 CDs costing £1,500 and taking over week's continuous playing. This example may be ex-treme. But it raises the question of megaculture's demand-side appeal. Why is

bigness popular? If people wanted smaller portions, they presumably would ask for them. Answers here have to be tentative. . . Television's quick cuts and fast pace have changed sensibilities by shredding attention

mans. The net is subverting old cultural categories. So it is said. But how does either supposed change fit with the marathon consumption of traditional culture? The Economist examines the popularity of "big" art.

Funny guy

Q: WHEN YOU begin a new script, do you know in ad-vance how the narrative is going to work out? A: Yes, always, if you just have a good idea but don't develop it, you end up with a 20-page script, and you're forced to spin it out artificially.

Writing is more fun than prowling around the room asking yourself: "What story am I telling? Where is it all going to lead?" But it's something I'm going to do. I need to know where I'm going more than how I'm going to get

Q: Are you aware of the broader themes you deal with in your films, irrespective of Mighty Aphrodite. Reprinted in the Guardian Weekly. A: No, I discover them when

the shooting stage is over. Only then do I realise that this or that underlying idea has taken shape, and that I need to go on working on it

production. The basic idea in Mighty Approdite is that anyone who adopts a child is bound one day to wonder who its real parents are. On the whole people don't really want to know, but it's something they think about. Q: Mighty Aphrodite is more

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of a "pure" comedy than your preceeding films. A: I'm delighted when people laugh. I try to make them laugh, but also to go further than that, to make them think. Every time a new movie of mine comes out, American critics say I should stick to being funny and not try to be thought-provoking. But when I made Manhattan Murder Mystery, the American papers said: it's not enough to be funny. That really amused me.

Woody Allen interviewed in Le

Monde about his latest film,

Netarchy

THE ONLINE world has always equated itself with the frontier. Like any fringe community, it does not take kindly to supervision from afar . . . A Declaration of the

Independence of Cyberspace issued forth from the email-box of John Perry Barlow the sometime cattle rancher and Grateful Dead lyricist who co-founded the Electroni Frontier Foundation, an online civil liberties group . . .

Addressed to the "govern-

ments of the industrial world," it declares "the global social space we are building to be naturally independent of the tyrannies you seek to im-pose on us."...Barlow's declaration did not pop out of no-where. The notion of the Internet as a quasi-sovereign entity has been kicked around ever since people realized that the structure of the network itself rendered it reistant to regulation or control by any individual state or central authority. Lately, the rhetoric of Net nationalism has heated up. For instance,

Rules of the Net, a sprightly

ternet culture by the late Thomas Mandel and Gerard Van der Leun, delivers a mock Declaration of Independence in its opening chapter. Theirs is different in tone from Barlow's, but similar in motiva-tion: "On the Net, we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all users are created equal..." Like Barlow, who describes cyberspace as a

and savvy new book about In-

"civilization of the mind".



Big arted . . . the Economist | generally don't sell sex, but

formation nation; a nation not located on the earth but in the mind". This conceit is not only seductive, it is based on a substantially accurate reading of the facts. The Net is an unprecedentedly efficient connector of people on the level of ideas; it creates communities, based on shared interests, that transcend the mundane limits of time and

Mandel and Van der Leun call

the online community "an in-

geography. And so it has acquired a genuine, although metaphorical, sense of place for its habitues. Threaten that place with unwanted restrictions and the talk gets rebel-

From Independence Daze by Scott Rosenberg in the online journal Salon (http://

Table manners

I AM A WHORE. All waitrons Watting tables is one of the most socially acceptable and valued forms of prostitution in the world. Of course, we

we all take a baby-step in that direction with every table; we pretend to like you for tips. I may not be your lover for an hour, but I am your friend for the duration of your meal. This is not sexual prostitution, but convivial prostitution. In reality though, there are few bigger turn-offs for me than being a waiter.

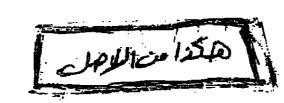
in the world of sensual pleasures known to humankind there are few more universal or enjoyable than sex and food ... Why then, is there no

greater anaphrodisiac than waiting tables? There are few things that cause my penis to shrink more effectively than six hours of kissing suburban ass while wearing a monkey-

P Lewis Rosenberg reveals some waiting tips in the 2nd annual sex issue of Lump'n,

Jackdaw wants your jewels. Email jackdawo guardian-.co.uk: fax 0171-713 4366, Juckdaw, The Guardian, 119 Farringdon Road, London ECIR JER.

Dan Glaister



Frank Keating examines the abdication of Will Carling as England captain and realises that everything was pointing to it

announcement was perfectly planned and exe-cuted. He decided on it after England's tautly disciplined and equally stategic victory last Saturday in Edinburgh. He is a rare bird: interna ional team captains these days are expected to be sacked with recriminations or hounded out of office by headline-power, or both. But not one pundit saw this coming; we did not have a clue: nor did his players not even, apparently, the England man-ager Jack Rowell, who has publicly blown hot and cold over the future of Carling's captaincy in their two-year relationship

Carling said yesterday he had broken the news to Rowell by telephone on Satur-day night. "Jack just said, 'Right, fine." Had he tried to talk you out of it? "No, why

N EXIT coup, out of jump or push. The timing was the blue and exactly puperfect, for him and his on cue, Will Carling's team, and he was the only one who realised it; at last you see why Carling's management company is called Insights. He bows out precisely on his own terms and, nicely, a week before the throng at Twickenham can emotionally acclaim a Triple Crown and a personal and deserved all-hail and farewell (not that he, shy boy, would have thought of that. But his agent will have).

Mercifully there is no tour for England this engrance.

for England this summer, so Carling has allowed a satisfactorily long interregrum for consideration of his successor before the pre-Christmas inter nationals. It is also possible knowing Rowell's management credo, that the squad could be given their own secret One of the more interesting

career has been not only to keep his players guessing but hould he?"

So there is no question of posers on their own. Carling's

decisive political strike did that, with knobs on.

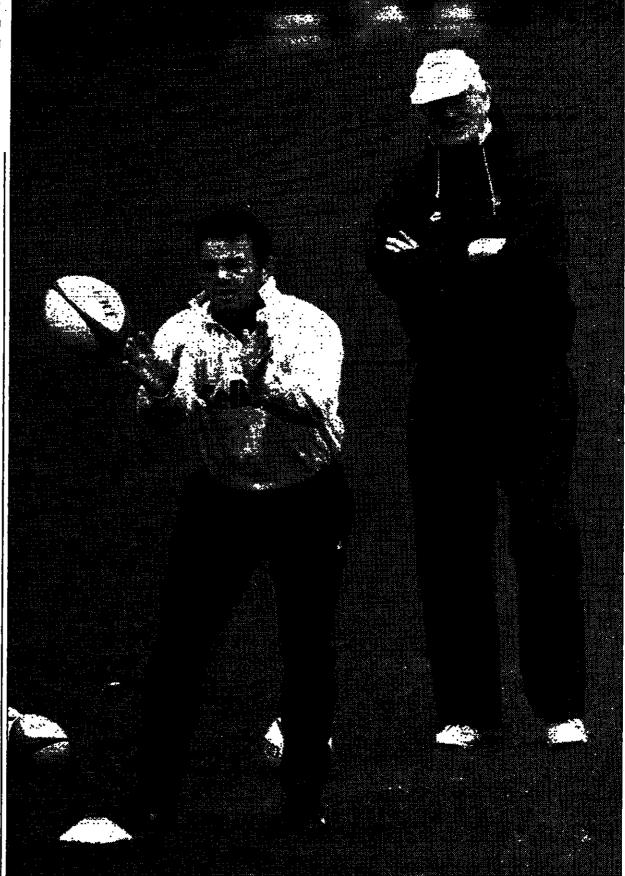
Any student of Carling's

style should have realised how yesterday's announcement was on the cards. A year ago to the month — weeks before the flatulent 57 hoo-ha -he said in a throwaway line that he longed to enjoy one, just one, last season of international rugby in the mati-ness of the squad and without the burden of leadership. One shrugged, not twigging he meant it, nor its relevance. And that could well come to pass, for his rugby shows few signs of losing its dynamic. His deliberations last week-

end were not novel. When Geoff Cooks appointed the callow centra, in 1988, to be captain until after the 1991
World Cup, he would have
been ready to step down at
the end of that span and
might well have done so had the squad broken up then. But friends like Andrew and Halliday, and the engine-room stalwarts he so admired like Teague and Winterbottom, stayed on and so did he. Again, after his disappointing 1993 Lions tour, he wondered if he had been around too long as England captain and telephoned Cooke, who told him to stay. Yesterday, he was generous about his col-laboration with Cooke.

At the start of this se 1965: Born Bradford-on-second successive Grand of his post-World Cup squads. the amouncement contained the name W D C Carling without the parentheses and "cap-tain" after it. He must have thought that significant. If Carling began this season in the dark, it was Rowell who, at the end of it, was in the dark about Carling's leaving of it.

History might even determine that never was Carling greater than in his last season as captain. Those early teams he captained rolled on relentless and powerfully successful by themselves. This year, as well as being pursued and harassed by paparrazzi, his personal life exposed and in tatters, he has had command of a comparatively fledgling team. In January, in their first away match, more than half of them had never played in the Paris cockpit before. This is what he told his pin-



Handing over ... Will Carling finally decides to turn his back on the England coach Jack Rowell PHOTOGRAPH; FRANK BARON

1991: Leads England to first and Scotland, taking Cardron silent band before he led them out...

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nothing in the 53rd minute.

David Hulme, playing only his second game since November, completed an

and Northey.
Saints' immediate worry concerns Newlove. He did not score but looked worth every penny of his £500,000 record transfer fee. His per-formance lost a little of its glitter, however, after he was placed on report for an

alleged high tackle.

St Helenstr Prescott, Hunta (Volvers, 52min), Gibbs. Newlove. Sullivan: Hammond, Goulding; Perelini. Cunningham, Leetham (Mataula, 65). Joynt, Booth, Northey.

Widnest Spruce; Davereux, Pechey, Wright, Thorniley (Cassidy, 25); Tyref. Cooper; Makin (Myler, 85), Gartland, Hansen, P hulme, Myler (D Hulme, 30), McCurrie.

Referees R Smith (Castleford).

Racing

Brook support dries up

Chris Hawkins

EFORE any big race Brumours invariably abound about the wellbeing of the leading contenders. But there is an unmistakeable undercurrent of anxiety about Smurfit Champion Hurdle favourite

Alderbrook.

Kim Bailey, the trainer, strongly denies there is anything wrong but curiously Richard Dunwoody has agreed to ride the outsider Squire Silk for Andy Turnell should anything happen to the favourite.

Paul Carberry would have ridden Squire Silk but a whip suspension has ruled out the Irish jockey from the first two days of the meeting. Hill's have pushed Alder-brook out to 11-10, with their

reporting that they cannot

It may be nothing more than worries that the ground is getting too fast for Alderbrook, who has had an operation to remove a chip of bone from a joint in both his front some give. But rain is fore-cast for tonight and weather prospects for the three days of the Festival are not good.

derbrook tomorrow, it is unlikely to be to the advantage of One Man in the Gold Cup. Being essentially a springh-eeled speed-horse, he is best served by good ground and if the going were to deteriorate there is an additional worry about his stamina for three and a quarter miles.

Coral's make him a 5-4 chance and have knocked out Imperial Call from 7-2 to 4-1 with another rumour doing the rounds here about Fergie Sutherland's chaser having a

Monsieur Le Cure has been clipped a couple of points to 10-1 but it would have to be a

bog for this plodder to win. Support for Couldnt Be Better, whose odds have been halved from 20-1 in the last sense. The Hennessy winner sojourned in Pisa for five weeks during the freeze-up here and has been pleasing trainer Charlie Brooks in his

work since his return.
Martin Pipe had slightly
better news yesterday of Draborgie who pulled up stiff after working on Friday. Pipe reports her moving more freely and is more optimistic she will make the line-up in tomorrow's Arkle Chase.

of course, dominated by Richard Dunwoody, who with an array of mouth-watering mounts is 8-15 with Coral, followed by Charlie Swan at 7-2. Jamie Osborne, Richard Johnson and Mick Fitzgerald

are all bracketed at 12-1, with David Bridgwater at 16's and the season's leading rider Tony McCoy on 20-1. Johnson has come in for plenty of rides for the David Nicholson stable following the injury to Adrian Maguire but his big hope is the Noel Chance-trained Mr Mulligan,

the 6-4 favourite for Wednesday Sun Alliance Chase. By way of a change, when last seen in his box Mr Mulligan still had four legs and they were all working.

THE CARLING YEARS

Avon, Wiltshire 1984: Leaves Sedbergh for Durham University. Captains England at 18-group level. 1986: Selected for Northern

1987: Plays for England B. 1988: Graduates with degree in psychology. Buys way out of Army for \$8,000 when told to spend six months without rugby at Sandhurst. Wins first full England cap in 10-9 third Grand Slam Calls RFU In November becomes youngest English captain in 57 years. Leads England to 28–19 win over Australia.

1990: Rejects £400,000 offer to join Warrington and rugby league. Cleared by Twickenham of receiving money at a non-rugby function. Captains England to 13-7 defeat in Grand Slam decider at Murrayfield is heavily criti-

Slam. 1993: Lions debut in first Test against New Zealand. Dropped for second Test. 1994: Re-appointed England captain by new manager Jack Rowell. Breaks world record for Test captaincy (36 games)

committee "57 old farts" and is sacked after 48 matches as is sacked after 40 matries as captain. Reinstated two days later but comes under pres-sure to quit after England finish a disappointing fourth in World Cup in South Africa. Revelations over friendship with Princess of Wales. Sepa-rates from wife.

1996: Reappointed captain. England lose to France in opening Five Nations match but bounce back to beat Wales

Challenge Cup semi-final: St Helens 24, Widnes 14

McRae finds quick way to Wembley

HAUN McRAE, the Saustralian coach once with the Canberra Raiders, on Saturday se-cured his new team's place at Wembley after only four games in charge at St Helens, which must be some sort of record

It could be a while, though, before Saints followers start to throw palm

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the past and which, pre-sumably, they felt Hughes could not rectify.

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Taunton runners and riders

4.00 Big Treat

image of Eric Hughes, who | Bulls — it should be appar-was bundled into redun- ent how far McRae has succeeded in striking a balance between attacking flair and

coaching St Helens to an admirable defeat in January's Regal Trophy final.

One of the reasons Saints brought in McRae was to eradicate the defensive reserved. McRae, as a spirited Widnes side emphasised, still has plenty to do.

Widnes were unlucky; Widnes were unlucky; four tries to three was a more-accurate reflection of lowers start to throw palm When St Helens visit the narrow difference beleaves in McRae's path. His Wembley on April 27 — to tween the sides than the 10-team is still moulded in the face Leeds or Bradford point winning margin.

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But while Widnes might not have done quite enough to deserve a place in the final there was an understandable sense of injustice at the try denied to Devereux in the 28th minute, when McCurrie's pin-point pass was ruled forward. If it was the referee must have measured it in millimetres — it became the game's defining moment. Widnes, 6-4 down, might

have taken a 10-6 lead. In-stead, a minute later, they found themselves 12-4 be
At least Widnes can now ness off and Devereux gained some compensation when he scored a try from

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down on the right after their sake, they succeed. Spruce had produced a fine Losing good players is an tackle to halt the dangerous Newlove on the other side of the field. Hunte, who has been out

for 10 months after having a knee reconstructed, ap-pears to have emerged with the joint and his finishing skills in good order, though he did limp off later with a damaged ankle. Saints were given no rest by a Widnes side that looks

increasingly unfortunate not to be in Super League, and it was not until Andy Northey scored their fourth try five minutes from time that they could feel secure.

hind when Hunte touched | ision. It is to be hoped, for | Losing good players is an occupational hazard at Naughton Park and Widnes impressive return but could struggle to keep hold either side of his score were of such outstanding young touchdowns for Hammond men as Steve McCurrie, Stuart Spruce and the emerging Paul Gartland.

Saints, who held a 12-4 lead at the interval, scored an early try through Sulli-van and a second through Hunte. Spruce, meanwhile, had put the finishing touch to an intelligent passage of Widnes play in the 19th

minute. Two penalties from Goulding followed but there was no shaking Wid-

alleged high tackle.

Plumpton seven-race programme

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Venetia's Say

RISH chaser Who's To Say has joined first-season trainer Venetia Williams in time to run in the Grand Annual Cup at Cheltenham on Thursday. "He's tough, on Thursday. "He's tough, and with 10st 6lb must have a chance," said bloodstock agent Francis Ransom.



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Cantona may face Gullit

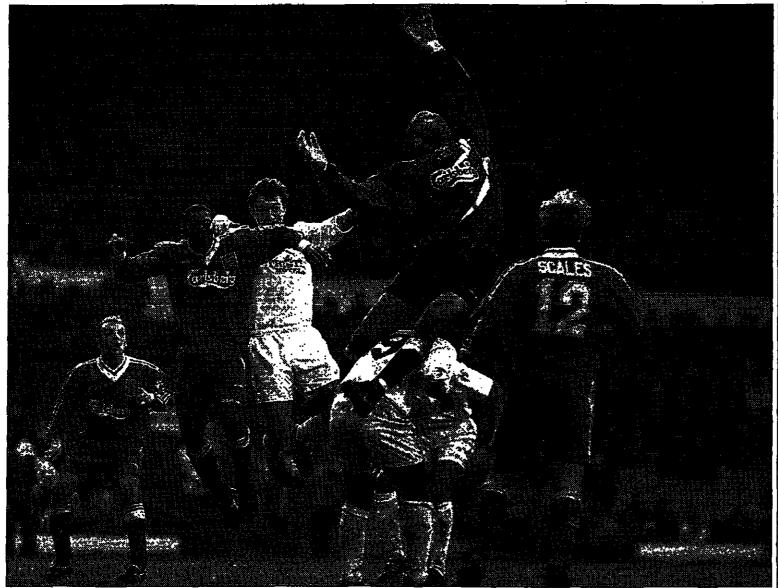
HE enthralling pros-pect of a Ruud Gullit-Eric Cantona clash emerged from yesterday's complicated FA Cup semi-final draw, with no definite last-four tie yet in sight.

If Gullit's Chelsea over-come Wimbledon in a cirth-

come Wimbledon in a sixthround replay a week tomor-row they will face Cantona's Manchester United - provided the Frenchman's side knock out Southampton tonight.

That would give give Chelsea the opportunity to avenge their 4-0 defeat by United's Double winners in the 1994 final. But United remain the bookmakers' favourites to win the trophy for a record ninth time The draw also raised the possibility of the Coca-Cola Cup finalists Leeds and Aston Villa meeting again a week after their Wembley

date on March 24. But first Villa must overome Nottingham Forest at the City Ground on Wednesday, while Leeds must triumph in their replay at Liverpool on Wednesday week — four days before Howard Wilkinson's team go to Wem-bley. The semi-final venues will be announced later.



Cup support factor . . . Liverpool's goalkeeper David James gets a lift on Tony Yeboah's back at Elland Road yesterday

Sixth round: Chelsea 2, Wimbledon 2

Nomads homing in on Wembley again

Commentary

David Lacey

zards, protracted by postponements and replays, contorted by the television schedules and debased by penalty shoot-outs, the FA Cup still enthrals.

tion on earth would it be possible to go to a match happily anticipating the skills of Ruud Gullit but come away more in-

Wimbledon and Chelsea meet in the Premiership at Selhurst Park and share the glummest of and produce a 2-2 draw of stun- | home to go back to.

ning drama and complexity. Therein lies the competition's enduring appeal

Before long it may be perti-nent to start wondering if the Cup has ever been won by a team without a home to call its ATTERED by bliz-zards, protracted by postponements and prises in the tournament's hisfory by beating Liverpool 1-0 in the 1988 final they were playing their League matrines at Plough Lane. It was a hovel but it was home to them.

As Crystal Palace's tenants Wimbledon will make history should they win the Cup again. The last time it was won by a tenant club was in 1948 when Old Trafford was recovering from bomb damage and Manchester United shared Maine Road for League games. In the 1-1 draws. Seven days later the FA Cup they played home ties and use it constructively was teams are reunited at Stamford at Goodison Park, Huddersfield badly missed on Saturday after Bridge in the Cup sixth round and Villa Park — but they had a going sick in the morning.

first winners of the Cup in 1872, were not quite the nomads the name implies. So Wimbledon would achieve some sort of uniqueness if they triumphed at Wembley on May 11.

Nobody who watched Saturday's match could have doubted the possibility. At the same time Chelsea's ability to win the replay at Selhurst on Wednesday and Selhurst on Wednesday. day week should not be under-estimated. If they can get their passing game going as well as they did at Newcastle in a third-round replay Wimbledon's lat-

est Cup ambitions may yet be living on borrowed time. Crucially, Chelsea should have David Lee back in the middle of their defence. Lee's ability not only to break up attacks but to bring the ball out

equipped to stem the flow of Wimbledon movements which threatened to bury their Cup hopes before half-time. Twice in three minutes Hitchcock saved goal-bound shots from Leon-hardsen, the second struck on the rebound after Harford had hit a post.

At 37, Harford is more daunting than ever. His knees may be ravaged by time, he moans at referees and linesmen, and after he had been substituted on Saturday he got into a harney with opposition fans and the Chelsea bench, but for 77 minutes he up-staged Gullit as the game's most influential player.
In this Harford owed much to

news of Ian Wright's transfer request is bound to rekindle in-Jones, who on Boxing Day had been sent off for fouling the Dutchman but now dogged Gulterest in the Arsenal striker. The 2-1 lead that Chelsea held lit to distraction while hardly for less than a minute was a tackling him. With Jones holding Wimbledon's midfield the latter having momentarily triumph of luck over judgment. With Lee around, Chelsea together, Harford, Earle and the deserted the referee Graham Seter

The Wanderers, who were the | would have been better | quick-thinking Leonbardsen set | Poll, who showed refreshing up an attacking platform which Chelsea only rarely challenged. signs of abandoning his sea-son's mission to achieve more bookings than the Beatles. Poll having pulled up Cumingham for a pass back that never was, Gullit's shot, from Wise's short indirect free kick, flew high into If the absence of Lee handi-capped Chelsea's defence, which in the second half conceded simple goals to headers from Earle and Holdsworth, the Wimbledon substitute, following free-kicks from Jones and Kim-

the net off Jones.

Kimble's quick free-kick,
Holdsworth's head and comatose defending spared Jones the
injustice of defeat. Heaven help the game if goalkeepers are banned from handling headed back passes. The referees are still at odds with themselves over what constitutes pas played back by feet.

enough to dring the scottes lever, Furlong having struck a post from Wise's pass. Earlier Fur-long had drawn a fine, diving save from Sullivan and later SCORERS: Chelsem Hughes (70 min), Guilli (81). Wimbledon: Earle (64), Guilli (61). winsbledess: Earle (64). Holdsworth (82). Chelsess Hitchcock; Duberry, Clarke, Johnson, Peirescu, Guilli, Wise, Phelan, Spencer (Peacock, 85). Hughes, Furlong (Spackman, 77).

Premiership: Aston Villa 4, QPR 2

Wilkins envies ramshackle Villa

Russell Thomas

kins called "a nice easy one — | to offset defensive damage. In Manchester United".
Wilkins will probably need such arch humour as Rangers

strive in their last eight games to reach the manager's target of six victories, pre-cisely their winning output

From a platform for improbable victory on the hour Rangers fell away. Their ninth defeat in 11 games was a microcosm of their self-destructive campaign, that of giving away awful goals through individual errors. "That's our ason," said Wilkins.

Everton 2, Coventry City 2

How Rangers would prefer some of Villa's current prob-AY WILKINS does not like using the dreaded rash of goals conceded by a team which until recently was the meanest in the Premiership. Unlike Rangers, Villa have the forward equipment in the premier than the property of the possessing Dwight Yorke they are positively blessed. "He's a jewel," said Little.

"and I've told him so. The other lads know it. A month ago he was concerned about the hype but he has come through it." To prove the manager's point, the Carling Player for February scored twice, featured in all four Villa goals and provided the most spectacular flourish, an overhead kick from Charles' cross that prompted the late home surge. Yorke's 22 goals have illu-

Yorke . . . Villa's 'jewel'

minated Villa's triple advance on Europe. The FA Cup route, which takes Villa to Nottingham Forest on Wednesday, is threatened by midfield losses, with Southgate suffering an-kle ligament damage that could threaten his place in the Coca-Cola Cup final in a fort-night's time. He joins Townsend and Staunton as definite absentees from the tie at the

absentees from the tie at the City Ground.

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Referees A Wildle (Chester-le-Street)

West Ham United 2, Middlesbrough 0

Barmby back to basics

Nell Robinson

take the Bryan Robson view that normal service will be resumed shortly or you see him as a peripheral figure, shorn of hair, of confidence and in need of a basic overhaul. Whatever the line,

Barmby is under review for all the wrong reasons.

His best chance to score came shortly before the end of Middlesbrough's 10th defeat in 11 league games. For once the little striker found space beyond West Ham's defence and collected Hendrie's flighted beader on his drie's flighted header on his shooting foot. The move-ment and the moment

fore Christmas they have seconds. Then, in the failed to score on nine occasecond half, the referee looking at Nick Barmby. Either you the Bryan Robert with the Bryan netted one apiece while Fjortoft, their striker-inchief, has drawn blank.

taker is denying them the fruits of improvements elsewhere.

Hughes nipped in smartly enough to bring the scores level.

Although Robson believes the imminent return of Pollock, Stamp and Vickers will revitalise Boro, the manager will do well to look to his strikers and take out some insur-ance before the transfer deadline. He needs an ac-

complished goalscorer.
Despite the distant sound of alarm bells, Boro proba-bly need to win only two of their remaining eight games to secure a Premiershooting foot. The movement and the moment ship future. In some ways they were unlucky on Satured to apportion blame rather than to apologise.

In the 12 games since Boro beat West Ham 4-2 at shooting foot. The movement of secure a Premier and the moment ship future. In some ways they were unlucky on Saturday, undone by two howling errors. The first came from Walsh, who dallied too long on a backpass and allowed Cottee to set up the secure a Premier wast an odd claim to tame.

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the Riverside two days be- | Dowie's opener on 75 awarded a dubious penalty when the ball bobbled up from the pitch and struck Cox's hand. If Mr Reed believed it a deliberate handball then why did he not book the full-back or even

send him off? Even the late introduction of Boro's boys from Brazil could not repair the damage. As some consolation, this is now an ex-tremely able West Ham side. With trips to Newcas-tle and Liverpool ahead, they could yet decide the Championship for the second successive season. What an odd claim to fame.

Atkinson's men dig deep into their reserves Super Sunderland must ensure the king stays

Cynthia Bateman

BIG JOE and Big Ron went about other business. But for Covenity this was "a averting any embarrassment yesterday when the two old muckers held their regular Sunday morning telephone conversation to discuss Saturday fortunes, or more often,

Cricket

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Everton, chasing a place in [Europe, missed a chance to go fifth while the other hopefuls massive point", said Ron At-kinson as his side moved up a place to sixth from bottom, despite a make-do defence. It was ground out with a

sometimes grim determination after Ferguson had put Everton ahead with two goals in eight first-half minutes. Seven minutes before halftime Salako produced a high cross which Whelan, whom Atkinson regards as "potentially as good as Alan Shearer, and I think Alan Shearer is the best", went up to meet and brought a spinestretching save from Sou-thall, who tipped the ball

away for a corner. On his way down Whelan's head met Unsworth's boot and the striker was helped off. From the subsequent corner Daish rose to head home.

In the second half Coventry made ground against a frag-mented Everton but it was Strachan's influence in the last 20 minutes that swung the balance. The assistant manager inspired a grand-stand finish, providing the pass for Salako to cross and Williams to score the equaliser off Short's shoulder with five minutes remaining.

Joe Royle, disappointed with his own men, believes Coventry will beat the drop minations in the bleak midbecause they score goals. It may seem a ridiculous thing to say because they leak goals as well. But the other sides in relegation trouble are not scoring and they are".

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First Division: Sunderland 3, Derby County 0

OR those incurable roman-tics who still hanker for the so-called golden era of English football when the height of luxury was a leaking pasty which caused thirddegree facial burns, there is something magical about a trip to Sunderland.

winter may be populated by irascible youths in cheap sunglasses but it loves its Roker Park is a genuine col-

lector's item, an antiquated wood-panelled icon plucked from yesteryear and barely touched by the tides of time. At the end of next season it will groan rather than roar when it falls to the bulldozers. They also love Peter Reid in

his feet by the hot air of generations of disenchanted

supporters. On Saturday Reid's motley collection overran the side which seems most likely to accompany them into the Premiership without recourse to the play-offs. In its precision and execution Sunderland's football was always compel-ling and often breathtaking. And yet there is a problem. Unless the affection for Reid

moves smartly from Fulwell End to boardroom — and in the process manifests itself in a commitment to fund the long-overdue purchase of new players - Sunderland's new stadium may come to represent a castle without its king. These days, after his disgrace-ful treatment by Manchester City back in 1993, Reid tackles

a task on his own terms. Sunderland. He is your archetypal, quick-witted Scouser an extent that they did not

who has made bricks of sub-stance from straw carried to | fight of it. They played like a fight of it. They played like a team almost anxious to shed the burden of a 20-game unbeaten League sequence. Sunderland swiftly isolated

the weak link in the Derby chain. It was the defence the whole of it. Sunderland made the First Division leaders look very ordinary. Their goals came regularly after fluent, level-headed football. Russell's first, early in the opening half, owed much to

the debutant Stewart's headed flick. His second, a fine drive after the interval. between the outstanding Agnew stepped forward to CONVERT & SMEDJECT MIWARU TO CONVERT & SMART CHANCE. SCONWERS Senderbeck Russell (Smin. 57). Agnow (32). Sanderbeck Given: Kubicki. Melville, Ord, Scott. Agnow, Bail. Bracawall, M Gray (Hall. 80), Stewart (P Gray, 83) Russell.

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Spotlight on Crossley

HILE some of the Premiership's top teams are striving to give the English playing style a sophisticated makeover, Nottingham Forest continue happily down the Cup catwalk clothed in the old national virtues of team

Fifth-round replay

Saturday's performance came straight from their Uefa Cup wardrobe: defend deep and frequently, attack on the counter, concede a goal to a defensive error, clear a shot off the line, watch another canon off the woodwork and win in a nail-biting finale of

seat-edge tension. It is a good job there are big hearts in the Forest camp, given the stress they make for themselves: close shaves in Munich on Tuesday, a penal-ty shoot-out on Saturday and more to come. On Wednesday Villa visit Nottingham in the FA Cup sixth round and the following Tuesday Bayern Munich are back. To add to Forest's worries, Cooper will miss Wednesday through suspension while Haaland is in-jured and doubtful

Tottenham's anxiety was confined to the frustration of dominated for long spells through the lottery of penalties, a system their manager Gerry Frances strongly criticised afterwards and said he will be petitioning the FA to

change.

The shoot-out may sacrifice the skills and subtleties of the traditional game to the mod-ern-day craving for concentrated drama and an instant result. But even the Forest keeper Mark Crossley was guilty of devaluing the skills

still required when he de-scribed his winning penalty saves as merely the result of guessing the right way to

dive". Crossley's past record suggests that he possesses an amazing intuition for this form of combat, highlighted when he dived the right way

ties, saving three.
Although Forest passed the ball around better than Spurs, the home team's greater domination was rewarded with three match-winning chances. But Mabbutt shot thal's chip was cleared off the line by Pearce and a 119th-

great chance for Forest, who had gone ahead on nine minutes through Roy's chip over

Tottenham's equaliser came from an 18-yard free-kick. With Crossley positioned too far to his left. Sheringham curled the ball into

ing his winning save from Sheringham's penalty with a high-stepping run down the left wing which curved to team-mates like Rory Under-wood escaping the clutches of

minute ricochet off Slade hit the post, with the Forest captain blocking Rosenthal's goal-bound follow-up.

the opposite corner.
But the keeper made

South Africa's best. scorers: Tottenham Hotspur: Sheringham (33mn). Mottingham Forest:

Wright's request shakes Highbury

David Lacey

AN WRIGHT's request for a move after five prolific seasons with Arsenal is the clearest sign yet that at High-bury, sooner rather than later, something or someone

Thursday and, according to the Arsenal manager Bruce Rioch, the matter will be discussed at the next board meeting. The player wants to leave before the transfer deadline on March 28; if the club agree to let him go Chelsea can be expected to lead the bidding. Glenn Hoddle needs a goalscorer of Wright's ability to build on the progress he has made this season through adding the superior passing of Gullit and Petrescu to his team. At 32, Wright is hardly in the first flush of youth but he was born two days after Mark Hughes, who arrived at Chelsea from Manchester

United last summer. Whether or not Wright, who is contracted to Arsenal until he is 36, actually leaves is likely to depend on who has the greater strength of will, Rioch or David Dein, the

already committed to rebuild-ing the squad, may be happy to let the player go but Dein, aware of fan reaction, will surely want Wright to stay. Wright has scored 140 goals for Arsenal, including 19 this season, and remains the team's most talismanic player. His discontent, which Wright submitted a written has led to several confronta-request for a transfer last tions with Rioch, stems from a partnership with Dennis

Bergkamp, the £7.5 million buy from Internazionale, which has rarely gelled.
According to weekend reports, Wright believes his efforts have not been appreciated this season and at times he has been harshly and un-fairly criticised. "Bruce has wants to play the game." he said. "Unfortunately I don't think I fit very well into the system he wants to play.' Despite Rioch's appoint

ment and a total outlay of £12.25 million on Bergkamp and David Platt, Arsenal's season has drifted inconsequentially. Rioch himself has also expressed dissatisfaction with a set-up which, following the dismissal of George Graham over the transfer "bungs" scandal, restricts his involvement in the buying club's vice-chairman. Rioch, and selling of players.

Scottish Cup, fifth round Celtic 2, Dundee United 1

Thom completes double dose of late agony for United

Patrick Glenn

AVING a tooth pulled without anaesthetic could hardly have brought more pain to Dundee United than the goals which Celtic pro-duced in the last two minutes yesterday to decide a pulsating fifth-round tie.

The unfancted First Division side had led since the

28th minute and were head-ing into the last four as Celtic deteriorated towards their least impressive domestic performance of the season. There had been a heavy

element of self-destruction about Celtic's predicament. They created and squandered enough opportunities in the first 25 minutes alone to have peacous beatmarang But the penalty from which

United scored had a strangely unnerving effect on Celtic, whose efforts foundered on did not require assistance. In United's resolve and clever deployment of resources. Brewster was tripped by

Marshall, who then palmed Bonar before Windass equalout Coyle's penalty. The ball | ised before the interval. was played by McSwegan for-ward to Coyle, who looked offside as he volleyed past Marshall from six yards.

Celtic's renowned composure had all but deserted them by the 88th minute,

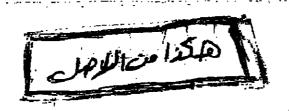
when McNamara took a free Hootidonk, the Premier Division's leading scorer, rose above the crowd to bullet his header past Maxwell.

In the last minute McNa-mara's tackle on Coyle diverted the ball into the path of Thom, who sprinted away from the chasing defenders and, from 15 yards, sent a fierce drive to the left of the

goalkeeper. As expected Rangers, Aberdeen and Hearts are the others involved in the semifinal draw. Hearts beat the others to it with last Thursday's win at St Johnstone, with Rangers and Aberdeen following on Saturday.
Paul Gascoigne scored

twice in the Ibrox side's 3-0 victory over Third Division Caledonian Thistle, who gave their opponents the lead with an own goal by Thomson. Aberdeen required Bernard's winner two minutes from the end of their match with Airdrie, who had led through

Cettler Marshall; McNamara O'Neil (O'Donnell 72mm), Hughes McKinlay, Grent, McStay, Thom, Dennelly, van Hoolderk, McLaughlin. Duridee United: Maxwell, Perry, Malpas, Fressley, Welsh Johnson, Sowman, Winters, Coyle, McSuregan (McLaren, 72) Brewitter (McKaron, 86)



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Like taking Kandy from a baby Bargain time

Mike Selvey in Fairalabad

by Sri Lanka on Sat urday. Asked to score a modest 236 to win, Sri Lanka indulged in such an orgy of strokeplay that the job was all but done by the midpoint of the innings, with a few late wickets merely a distraction. In the end they won at walk-ing pace by five wickets with

almost 10 overs in hand.

It was a victory for dash, flair, innovation, self-confidence and vast talent over a ponderous, outmoded outfit, which even if it began to raise its game for this knockout match still played beneath its capabilities. So while Sri Lanka left yesterday for Calcutta and a noisy, packed seroi-final with India, Eng-land flew to Lahore and then on to Delhi where an Air India flight tonight will bring

England were undone by the lack of cohesion in an experienced batting order that failed to set a target anything like adequate. They were then subjected to what amounted to assault and hattery by won-derfully gifted Sri Lankan

Rarely can England bowlers have been subjected to the sort of indignity in-flicted by Saneth Jayasuriya.

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12 overs for the second wicket with Asanka Gurusinha.

balls) and Arjuna Ranatunga (25 off 17 balls) before Hashan Tillekaratne and Roshan Mahanama saw them home.

Bowling figures will be left aside to avoid inflicting further suffering, but in all the bowlers were hit for 33 fours and three sixes.
It is the first time Sri Lanka

have qualified for the semifinals and the first time that England have failed to do so. The world is changing fast.

modest, two dropped catches

— both by Darren Gough,
both horribly difficult, but the sort that seem to stick for teams on a roll - contributed to the defeat. The first reprieved Gurusinha at midoff when had just two; the second gave Jayasuriya, who had lived dangerously against Peter Martin's swing, a life

More crucial, however, were a brace of umpiring de cisions during the England innings. DeFreitas can count himself unfortunate with the leg-before decision that went against him, the simple geo-metry of a left-arm spinner delivering an arm ball from round the wicket eluding the umpire Mahboob Shah De-Freitas had batted with sensible aggression for 67 off 64 balls and, with nine overs remaining and his eye in, might have gone on to pro-vide the foundation of a com-

petitive total. Earlier Robin Smith had been adjudged run out on video evidence seen by the third umpire, YK Ramaswamy. The decision was incredible, based on the flimsi

In the first replay, from side on, umpire Robinson ob. scured the view of the line at the critical moment Smith's second, from an oblique angle, was no more informa-tive. So the judgment was made on the strength of a high long shot from behind the stumps, which the umpire called for twice because "it is too hazy". It was still hazy when he suddenly pushed the red-light button and Smith was gone. With no

recourse. apparently, to refer the decision back to the umpire on



The light goes out . . . Javasuria's dashing inninga is ended by a Russell stumping off Reeve

have given Smith the benefit I hind all the television cover of the doubt. But the real fault lies in the amateurish reliance of the authorities on picthan setting up their own independent monitors.

Such a system is in exis-tence and was in use in South Africa last winter. Called Pana-eye, it involves four static cameras, on poles to crowds, covering both creases from either side. "It's foolproof," says Gary Franses,

age of this World Cup.
"It is simply not possible for television to guarantee being able to provide a replay from the correct angle. Sometimes there is a system fallure anyway. During the New Zealand-South Africa match here in Faisalabad, for example, dust from a storm got into the video machines and put them out of action. We told the managers and the unspires and so they were aware of the situation. But they should not umpire in the interests of ac antee money that was given The pitch was placid, In-

The setting up, removal and transportation of such sys-tems during the 37 scheduled matches of this tournament would have required, by Franses's estimation, an out lay of £1.3 million, which sounds a great deal of money

like Smith are going to get the benefit of such. Certainly there is no excuse for the Test and County Cricket Board not to invest in an independent The International Cricket

Council says there is no risk that the 1999 World Cup will until placed beside the exthat the 1999 World Cup will pected profit from the World be taken away from England. Cup, the expenditure of despite the warning from the around that amount on the Pakistan Cricket Board chief laser display at the opening executive Arif Abbasi that the ceremony and the knowledge TCCB could forfeit it "if they that if there has to be a third can't afford the kind of guar-

for Indian takeaways

Bavid Hopps on the were in force, but the qualfervour as champions fall in Bangalore

HE Bangalore street seller wanted 70 ropees and there was no recourse but to walk away. "OK sir, 50 rupees. I give you for 40, sir. It is very good flute. Very good sound."

India is very happy but England lost at the cricket, happy music, sir. You can have, 10 rupees."

Ah, well, there was still some consolation in being English in India. Mention of England brings bewilderment, but yesterday the talk was of only one team: India, by 39 runs, had beaten Pakistan to clinch a semi-final against Sri Lanka in Calcutta.

It will have been a mir-acle if the scenes of rejoicing around the Chinnaswamy stadium in the early hours of Sunday morning concluded without mishan India are only two wins away from winning the India's winning of the toss brought the first im-There were several heroes to salute: Navjot Sidhu, the

from 115 balls had been the bedrock of India's 287 for eight; Ajay Jadeja, whose destruction of Waqar Younis, plundered for 40 runs from his last two overs, probably settled the match; and Venkatesh Prasad, the most unsung of fast bowlers, whose three wick-ets clipped back Pakistan's reply.

Aamir Sohail and Saeed Anwar had begun with a flourish, putting on 84 in 61 balls for the first wicket. still breathtaking.

The openers apart, only an artful partnership between Salim Malik and Javed Miandad suggested that the target was still within Polymers. within Pakistan's compass.
For all Javed's goading and
beckoning, his magic has
waned. Six World Cups, a record that might never be beaten, proved one too

nead.
"Sir, you American, sir?
Thirty rupees, sir. I make nothing, 30 is all."
"American? Certainly not. Actually, I'm English."
"English? Sir when spectators began to pelt Pakistani outfielders with fruit and bottles, the attempts of Raman Subba Row, the match referee, to spur the police into posting more reinforcements went largely unrewarded. Try-ing to rob the Wimpy Bar, however, would have been an impossibility.

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Pes54); 2, Brechin (28-50); 3, Caledonian T (27-40).

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PSV (P24. Pis60); 2. Ajax (23-50); 3.

Feyencord Rotterdam (24-43).

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TYALIAM LEAGUE: Bari 1. Florentina 1; Cremonese 1. Napoli 1; Juventus 4. Lazio 2; Pascenza 2. Parms 1; Rona 1, Cagikari 1. Sempdoria 3. Padova 1; Udinese 3. Atalenta 0; Vicenza 2. Z. Torino 1. Leading standinger 1. Milan (P24. Pis63); 2. Florenting (25-47); 3. Liventus (25-48).

REDIOCH LEAGUES Saturday: Noc 1. Autrerie 3. Bordesou 4. Mot. C. Gueupnon 2. Monteo 2: Monteo 2. Monteo 2. Monteo 2. Cannes 0; Canil-Eupnon 1. Leading standinger 1. Paris 50. (P30. Pis671); 2. Auterie (21-55). 3. Lens (31-52)

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Basketbali BUDWINSER LEAGUE: Birmingham 107.
Newcastle 77: Wartning 87. Derby 88:
Chester 83 Worthing 72.
RATOMAL LEAGUE: Menc First Division; Cardiff 94 Ware 81: Crystal Palace

Boxing WBO SUPER-MIDDLEWISONT C'SHIP [Millarset, Cork): Stave Collins (Jubian, holder) in Nevrille Brown (Burlon) as 11. WBO SUPER-LIQHTWEIGHT C'SHIP (Milan): Giovanni Perisi (II) bi Sammy Fu-entes (Puerlo Rico, holder) asi 8. Cricket Cricket
SHEFFIELD: Sydney: New
South Wates 319-5 dec (M Heywood 97, K
Roberts 72. G Matthews 40no). Victoria
82-7 (Stuart 4-22). Perfite Western Australia 224 (T Moody 60) and 35-3-8 dec (D
Martyn 203no J Langer 107: Marquet
5-91). Tasmania 134 (M Diversulo 104;
Angel 6-68) and 113-1 (M Diversulo 168no).
RED STRIPE CUP: Flask Port of Spales
Leschward is 400. Trinidad & Tob 227-9 (R
Smith 30, M Bodoe 65; Weekes 4-821.

Cross Country ENGLISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS CROWLEST RATHORAL CHARTORSHIPS (Novari): Senilor nee 14km 1, Nuttall (Presion Harriers) 40mm 35sec; 2, J Sher-ben (Shattesbury Barnet Harriers) 0, D Banelster (Shattesbury Barnet Harriers) 1, 10,5 Teams 1, Bingley Harriers 105pts; 2, Tipton Harriers 231; 3, Blackheath Harri-

PARIS TO NICE RACE First stage (Cha-lenurous la Saint-Amand-Montrond: 175.5km): I, F MORGASSM (FI) GAN AU Neissen (Bell Lotto; 4. S Marthello (it) Neissen (Bell Lotto; 4. S Marthello (it) Saecc: 5, 6. Mickaelsen (Den) Festing; 6, J Kirsipiui (Est) Petd Casinoali same time.

Darts UK MATCHPLAY C'SHIP (Donussier): Counter-Gasie (Eng unless stated): D Priestier bij J Harvey (Scot) 5-0, B An-derteen bi K Deller 5-4; P Taylor bi S Burgees 5-2; A Warriner bi R Harrington 5-3. Equestrianism

EQUESTITATISM
WORLD CUP QUALIFIER (Dortmund):
Leading results: 1. ET FRH IH Simon.
Auft of 35.25sec; 2. San Patrignana Wehatwel (F Stoothaak, Gen) cir 37.25; 3. Souviens Tol III Equus (R-Y Bost, Fr) cir 38.50.
Beat Bertitelle 11, Welman (J Whitaker) 4
fits 39.57; 14, Bowriver Queen (J Fisher) 4
fits in 1st rd. Leading European League
(positions after 11 of 14 rounds): 1, H
Simon (Auf) 73; 2. F Stoothaak (Ger) 77; 3.
L Beerthaum (Ger) 75; Beet Bertitetz 7=, N
Skelton 48, 16, J Whitaker 36; 20, M Whitaker 34; 22, O Lampard 32.

MATIONAL LIEAGUE: First Div: Trojans
1, O Loughtonians Q. Yesterdays Barlord
1, Surbton 2: Bourmille 2: Cambribury Q.
Guildford 7: Indian Gym 2: Housiow 2;
Cannock 3: Reading 3, Hull 1; Southgate 2;
E Gristead 2: St. Alberts 1; Stoutport 2;
Teddington 2; Havard 1;
TOP THREE P W D L F A Pis.
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Reading 15: 10: 4: 15: 24: 34
Guildford 15: 10: 4: 15: 23: 34

Brockinds —— 15 8 6 1 39 22 30 SCOTTISH LEAGUE Clydesdale 3, inverteth 3; Grange 2, Menzleshill 1; MIM 6, Kefburne 1; Torbrox 8, Uddingston 1; Wessern 4, Gordoniane 3, Standinger 1, Grange 25; 2, Western 22; 3, MIM 21, RISSAN (RISH CUP; Semi-franks: Holywood 37 0, Avoca 1; Lanagarvey 3, Cork COI 1.
WOMER'S CENTENARY INTERNATIONALS (Dublin): Ireland 1, England 2, Ireland 1, England 1

WELSH WOMEN'S CUP: Quarter final: Lianefil 1. Cardiff Ath 2. WOMEN'S CLUBS: Exmouth 2. Bracknell 2. Reading 2. W Wilney 1; St Albams 3. Wimbledon 1; Sheffield 0. Sherwood 1: Stafford 0. Pevent 4. Wooding 2. Canterbury 3: WRENS 1. Havant 1. WOMEN'S COUNTY CHARPHONSHIP: Zone 2: Oxon 3. Berlis 1: Stropshire 0.

Zone & Oxon 3, Berks 1; Shropshire 0. Suffolk 3; Derbys 6, Lines 0; Statis 2, Oxon 3; Suffolk 2, Derbys 1; Lines 0; Shrops 6; Berks 2, Statis 1 (Leaders: Suffolk). ice Hockey

ICE HOCKEY
BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFFS:
Banngsloke 5. Sheffleld 2, Durham v Hamberside (abandoned); Newcastle 0, Cardifl
4: Nottingham 5. Frto 4 Relegation/Promodion Play-offst Blackburn 3. Bracknell
6: Guitdrod 3. Mitton Keynes 8: Slough 8.
Dumtries 1. Swindon Keynes 8: Slough 8.
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Washington 1: NY Istanders 4, Winnipeg 2,
Montreal 3. Ottawa 2: Toronto 4, Caligary 3;
SY Louis 5, Hardord 3, Colorado 7, Vancouver 6.

Motor Racing

ALISTRALIAN GRAND PRIX (Albert Pk. Melbourne)* 1. D Hill (GB) Wiffiams: 2. J Villeneuve (Can) Williams: 3. E Invine (Can) Fenrari. 4. G Barger (Au) Benedixn. 5. M Hakkinen (Fin) McLaren; 6. M Salo (Fin) Tytrell: 7. O Pans (Fr) Ligler: 8. H-H Frentzen (Ger) Sauber: 9. R Rosset (Br) Footwork: 10. P Diniz (Br) Ligler. Road Running NAGOYA INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S

MARATION (Tolyo): Leading results (Japanese unions stated): 7. 1 Mahl 2hr 7mln 23ec; 2. Selyoms 2741; 3. V Yegorova (Rus): 27 St. 4. 1 Burmonilova (Rus): 275.5; 1 M 10 220.14; 9. 0 Glowita (En 225.24; 7. N Yeshida 229.48; 1 M 10 200.14; 1 M 10 20 Alpine Skiing WORLD CUP (Linehammer): Mens Sta-

WORLD CUP (Lillehammer): Ment SileMonth Cup (Lillehammer): Ment SileAmilez (Fr) 1.44.87.3, J KoSif (Sio) 1.44.83.
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G Mader (Auff 991; 3, M von Grusnigen
(Switz) 880 Fined Mattion's Cup standinger: 1, Aurylan 11.071pcs; 2 Switzerland
7.181; 3, Rayly 6.284.
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1.51.85; 2, P Wiberg (Swe) 1.52.08; 3, M
Kjoerstad (Nor) 152.00. Final standilogue:
1, E Eder (Auf) 560pts; 2, U Hrovat (Sio)
440; 3, Wiberg 414. Pland oversell standlogue: 1, Sotzkinger 1,472pts; 2, M Erti (Ger)
1.059; 3, A Wachler (Auf) 1.044.

Fixtures

(7,30 unless stated) Soccer

FA CUP: Shoth round: Man Util v South-ampton 63.0.

FA TROPHY: Third-round, second replan konthwich v Merthy (7.45).

ICLS LEAGUE: Premier Division: Pur-fleet v Walton & Hernbur (7.45). Second Division: Sentings Ahr v Hampton. Third Division: Tring In v Windsor & Elso. BEAZER HOMES: LEAGUE: Premier Division: Chelmsford v Salishury.

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AVON INSURANCE COMBINATIONS First Divisions Breatol River v Birstol C. Charlison v Wimbiodon (2.0); Chalsen v West Ham (7.0); Milliwall v Crestal Palace (7.0); Swindon v Wastord (7.0); Totschaun v OPR.

SPRINGHEATH PRINT CAPITAL LEAGUES Southend Und v Paterborough (7.46); Sutton Und v Leyzon Orient.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Salo U-21 v MRC Tokyo. Cricket

WILLS WORLD CUP: Quarter-firming Madraec Australia v New Zonland (9.0am). Karacht. South Africa v West Indies (4.0am).

Basketball -----

Samuels in luck for the Bucks

Robert Pryce

WURT SAMUELS has had to take extra shooting practice for the past month. It may have helped him on Saturday night, when he stole a win for the Derby Bucks with a basket hurled in from the half-way line.

Samuels, who has lost his place as England's shooting guard this season, completed recovery from 12 points down with a desperate unorthodox heave two seconds from the end that gave Derby an 88-87 victory over the Worthing Bears. It was, the Derby coach Jeff Jones admitted, "a Jones ordered his full-time

players to take 500 shots a day in practice after their scatter-gun effort in losing 80-67 at Shericld a month ago. The Rucks have since won five out of six games and improved their percentages in all shoot-ing categories. They lead the throw shooting. On Saturday Derby's shoot-

ing rescued them from a par-lous position, "We were flat," said Jones. "We didn't play with a whole lot of energy until the last six minutes." Tim Lascelles and Tony Sims came off the bench to give them a lift, then John Leahy and Mike Gonda hit big threes. Worthing still seemed to have done enough when Steve Nelson landed a three-pointer with six seconds to go but Samuels confounded them with his hastily composed response. Worthing have lost six of their last seven games. Yes-

Chester Jets for the first time in the 25 games between the clubs, 83-72. Waymon Boone (35 points) and Billy Singleton (34) did most of the damage. The Birmingham Bullets beat the Manchester Giants by 20 points on Friday and the

Newcastle Comets by 30 points on Saturday to take their run of league wins to 12. Their American forward Tony Dorsey had 27 and 33 points to lead the scoring both nights.

Crystal Palace maintained their perfect National League record this season by beating the Coventry Crusaders Hill takes grand prix opener, page 12

Keating on Carling, page 13

Ladejo holds on to title, page 12

Shoot-out at White Hart Lane, page 14

SportsGuardian

TWICKENHAM SEEKS A NEW FACE. ATHERTON LINGERS. ILLINGWORTH VOWS TO FIGHT

England facing leadership crisis



The king is going . . . so hall two of the pretenders for the captaincy as Wasps' Lawrence Dallaglio, left, and Tim Rodber of Northampton flank Will Carling PHOTOGRAPH FRANK BARON

Carling hands off the gossip columns to say why he quit

Robert Armstrong

retire as England captain after next Saturday's championship match against Ireland. Rowell learned about Carling's plans only on Saturday. two days after the RFU secre-

working relationship with the single positive remark about his two years with Rowell,

tributes a ghosted column, knew before Rowell.

When Carling spoke to the life has come under close

The specific of the specific o pressure of paying court to the Princess of Wales, handformer England manager ing off Rowell and being peti-Geoff Cooke — but not a tioned for divorce finally sapped Carling's will to carry on?

The gossip columnists were tary Tony Hallett and the Last week Carling told doomed to a series of dispresident Bill Bishop friends that Rowell had tincily low-key sound bites received calls from the cap recently accused him and his from the England captain. ers what I was doing at the tain about his imminent agent Jon Holmes of orchesstand-down. Even the Mail on trating a media campaign to private reason for giving it haps I've been playing well

up?" wailed one female reporter to no avail.

Instead Carling, who leads to do."

| because I knew from early in lished England player when Carling became captain in 1988, welcomed his decision

Instead Carling, who leads England for the 59th time in 66 internationals on Saturday, insisted that his chief motive for stepping down after eight seasons in charge was his desire to concentrate on improving his own performance of the season. "Will to play on next season. "Will is a tremendous player, strong, forceful and a good match, in which victory would secure England the on improving his own performance of the season."

1988, welcomed his decision to play on next season. "Will is a tremendous player, strong, forceful and a good match, in which victory would secure England the pointed skipper as a 22-year. mance as an England centre.

"I think England need to appoint a captain to lead the maintained that the squad would like to play on for Eng-land without having the extra

responsibility of captaincy.
"I've talked to Jon Holmes Geoff Cooke and a lot of other people whom I respect and I took the decision to step down last Tuesday. I warned some in advance and I told the play-

would secure England the Triple Crown and possibly the Five Nations Champion-

respected around the world just as a player," said Car-ling. "I had a high admiration for Geoff Cooke. There were many highlights in my time with him and I enjoyed help-ing England win three Grand

Slams, especially the first one in 1991.' Rory Underwood, an estab-

the season what I was going to do."

Some players were surto play on next season. "Will pointed skipper as a 22-year-old, just establishing himself in the side, but he went on to

him as captain but no ap-pointment is likely to be made by the RFU this season tour to fulfil this year. Ben Clarke, the Bath No. 8,

has already been installed as favourite to take over, possibly next autumn provided Rowell remains the manager. Another candidate could be Lawrence Dallaglio, the new Wasps captain, and Phil de Glanville and Tim Rodber could make a strong claim if they can win regular places in the side.

Atherton wants time to think

Mike Selvey in Faisalabad

HILE Mike Atherton, defeated but not de-spondent, pottered around yesterday packing his bags to go home, Raymond Il-lingworth vowed to fight to keep his job as England's chairman of selectors. Atherton wants time "to reflect" in the wake of World

Cup elimination and a generally depressing winter as cap-tain but Illingworth will not resign. "They tell me there is a lobby at home to get rid of me but I would like to carry got 400. I never felt that South on this summer," he said.

"If the counties put forward the bowlers did a good job on other people to be chairman, then there will have to be a vote and I am prepared to de-

fend my corner. I've put my-self out for them. I said I didn't want to go on tour any more but, when I was approached last year, I agreed to do so this winter. I will be very disappointed if all the results over the past nine months are not assessed."

Atherton would be disappointed, too, but the mauling suffered by his side at the hands of Sri Lanka meant that for the first time England failed to reach the World Cup semi-finals. He cherishes the captaincy but knows that accountability comes with the job. Losing, not just to Sri Lanka but to each of the Testplaying countries they faced

lude to calls for his head. While hoping that a long winter will be judged on its entirety rather than its frenetic end, he said yesterday:
"Any decision about the cap-Carling believes that a lam asked to carry on and do there holding the cup in not wish to do so. Those week's time than packing things are decided at home.

"I am going home for 10 days before Lancashire's preseason trip to Jamaica and I shall mull things over. I would be disappointed if others judged me and the side totally on the World Cup and will not be making any rash, hasty decisions.

Opinion had been turning against Atherton before Eng-land even arrived for the World Cup in the wake of de-feat in the final Test of the flames were fanned when England lost their opening World Cup match to New Zealand and then played ordi-narily against the Emirates and Holland.

Atherton agreed that England's World Cup prepara-tions were not best served by the tournament coming so soon after an arduous tour. "We had players who had been three months in South as they ought to have been. Dominic Cork bowled his

rocks off out there and look what has happened to him. "That, though, is down to itineraries. Our failure is pri-marily due to the nature of the game and batting which has not functioned as a unit look at all the time and need to do so in future. Our hatsmen have to stand up and be counted because these are experienced players.
"Within its limitations our

Cork has been superb and Peter Martin has done a unhelpful pitches here.
"Certainly fielding is now a

vital part of the game and it cost us the first match in Ah-medabad. But the fascinating game has moved on in the past four years. The way sides like Sri Lanka have revolutionised the first 15 overs creates enormous headaches for a captain. Convention goes out of the window, with bowlers at the start bowling as if at the death, field placings that defy the norm, and regular bowling changes to try to disrupt the batting side's rhythm."

Atherton bridled at the thought — as did Illingworth — that going out of the competition so soon would act as a catalyst for productive ning might have hampered a necessary process.

"I can't believe that," he said. "It would have been the greatest possible boost to English cricket to have won. I week's time than packing now for a flight home. So Atherton goes home to think things over, leaving Il-

lingworth to say: "I knew it wouldn't be an easy job but I'm always an optimist. As long as players are giving 100 per cent I'll go along with them. The only thing I can't stand is people who lie down and die. I've had no com-

plaints on that score." Illingworth's two-year term 31. as does his 12-month apwinter in Cape Town and the pointment as team manager.
6-1 whipping in the one-day "I'm not going to hang myself series that followed. The if they get rid of me." he said.

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FA Cup, sixth round: Leeds United 0, Liverpool 0

Caution spoils the brew

OMEBODY forgot to put in the widget: it was like hanging over the bar expecting a glisten-OMEBODY forgot ing pint and having an egg nog stuck under your nose. In Leeds player was lurk-Just what Leeds thought ing to take advantage. they might gain from being so cautious at home is unclear. If they could not find pitch, went close with an the boldness to take on Liv- angled shot after the Northerpool in their own back-yard, they are unlikely to combined with Yeboah. ambush them at Anfield.

Unless Howard Wilkinson has a surprise up his sleeve, all they appear to have done is delay the inevitable until a week on Wednesday, although he may have stalled in the hopes that Speed and Dorigo, both injured, will be back by then.

Liverpool occasionally swept up the pitch like a winter gust but ended swirling and eddying and out of puff against a Leeds defence rarely found with its skirt over its head.

Nearly 20 minutes had gone before Collymore had the first of half a dozen

ably saved by Lukic. Nel-Collymore possession. His ther goalkeeper was called cross looked dangerous on even to stretch his mind but, as it sailed over the delet alone his moscles dur-ing the 90 minutes.

James gave Leeds a chance when he dropped the ball from a corner but Seconds earlier Worthing ton, the best player on the Babb, guarding the near post, turned it aside. Hopes that either man-

ager might drop something into the half-time tea to bring the game to life proved in vain, as the game only deteriorated into un-forced errors. "I said at half-time: 'Let's

make it exciting. Let's lie down and let Liverpool score three and they will go home laughing." said Wil-kinson afterwards, heavy with sarcasm towards his critics.

Liverpool's best early chance after the interval came when Worthington, trying to chase Lukic's long-range shots comfort- throw out, fell over to give Photograph, page 14

fenders, the linesman's flag went up to rule the preda-tory Fowler offside.

And that seemed to sum up the sorry story of the match. Only McManaman managed to raise the blood pressure with a flerce shot from marginally outside the area on the bour, just a coat of paint wide.

Deane was sent on for Brolin 15 minutes before the end and Redkanpp for the limping Barnes six min-utes from time, but these changes failed to sway the balance.

Those who had refused to pay for even the cheapest seats — at £19 only a pound more expensive than tick-ets for Leeds' Coca-Cola Cup final — can congratulate themselves on having made the right decision. Leeds United: Lukic: Radebe, Wetheral Beesley, Worthington, Kelly, Ford (Gra 89min), McAllister, Palmer, Brolin (Dean

Liverpool: James; Wright, Scales, Babt Jones, McAteer, McManaman, Thomes Jones, McAteer, McManaman, Thome Barnes (Redknapp, 84), Collymore

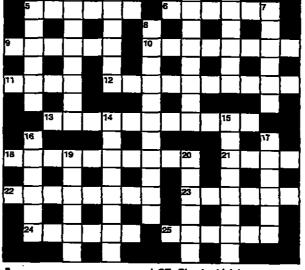
The Cruft's competitors, with their 20,000 dogs, are really just the stormtroopers of

the British love affair with Fido, a phenomenon which speaks volumes about the national psyche.

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Across

5 Press left will get a scoop (6) 6 The endless stre a sensation (6)

9 Hound the fool getting into punt (6) 10 Inattentive, having no schedule (8)

11 Tackle retreating soldiers for example (4) 12 The outcome is sure. Toil on

13 Variety of salt fish -- see price (11) 18 One can get intoxicated on non-alcoholic drink, and

here's proof! (10) 21 Look for sound support (4) 22 Set down letters in error simplest mistake to make (8)

23 No way-out course! (6) 24 A vessel with room for food 25 Check which is wrong in

Down 1 Cheats honest? Explain

2 The wise man takes no rest (6) 3 He had a model mother (8) 4 The grain being bad, had a

meeting about it (6)

5 Saliors may be seen around after midnight (6) 7 So slim, supple and lithe (6) 8 Cash remains — cash in

contention repeatedly -- to get torches (11) 14 On reflection they're helpful

to motorists (4-4) 15 Offering a suggestion to the personnel officer (8) 16 Many a band shows great

boldness (6) 17 Hard as ever in the London

Middlesex, Mike Hall of Cardigan, Pembrokeshire, M. Knight of Bramløy, Yorkshire, and D. McAulay of Little Haywood, Staffordshire.

19 Simply lie - say fault developed (6) 26 Some eight went, yet there's still a fair number (6)

Solution tomorrow

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